



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

...when I look around the world today, it seems clear that eliminating darkness is pretty high on the human agenda – not just physical darkness but also metaphysical darkness, which include psychological, emotional, relational, and spiritual darkness. What do I mean by "darkness?" I guess that depends on what color your monsters' eyes are. Most people do not know what they mean by "darkness" except that they want to stay out of it. Just say the word and the associations begin to flow: night, nightmare, ghost, graveyard, cave, bat, vampire, death, devil, evil, criminal, danger, doubt, depression, loss, fear. Fear is the main thing. Almost everyone is afraid of being afraid. Beyond that, no one's list is exactly like anyone else's. It fits the way a shadow fits, because darkness is sticky. It attracts meaning like a magnet, picking up everything in its vicinity that is not fully lit.

Barbara Brown Taylor
Learning to Walk in the Dark

The Worship of God Good Friday

April 3, 2014

12:15 p.m.

PRELUDE "Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein"
("When In the Hour of Utmost Need")

J. S. Bach

CALL to WORSHIP

based on Philippians 2:8

LEADER: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God;

PEOPLE: **Who redeems us from sin and death.**

LEADER: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

PEOPLE: **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

KYRIE

Peter DuBois

Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. May we repent, confess our sin and receive your overflowing love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 100

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ROCKINGHAM

PRAYER
for ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT
LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-9, 12

(Pew Bible, OT page 683)

HYMN 93

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 1)

THE PASSION
of OUR LORD

John 18:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT page 112)

Silence

SOLO "Fac ut portem"

(from *Stabat Mater*, 1842)

Gioachino Rossini

Melissa Zgouridi, mezzo-soprano

Fac ut portem Christi mortem,
passionis ejus sortem
et plagas recolare.
Fac me plagis vulnerari,
cruce had inebriari,
ob amorem filii.

*Allow me as bearer of Christ's death, his
suffering to share
and wounds recall.
Let me with his wounds be stricken, with
his torment be saturated, because of love
for the Son.*

John 18:28-40

(Pew Bible, NT page 112)

Silence

HYMN 93, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 2)

John 19:1-16

(Pew Bible, NT page 113)

Silence

HYMN 93, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 3)

John 19:17-27

(Pew Bible, NT page 113)

Silence

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (organ)

Helmut Walcha

John 19:28-30

(Pew Bible, NT page 114)

Silence

HYMN 93, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 4)

John 19:31-42

(Pew Bible, NT page 114)

Silence

SOLO "Agnus Dei"

(from Mass in B minor)

J.S. Bach

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us*

PASTORAL PRAYER
and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

SOLEMN
REPROACHES
of the CROSS

O my people, O my church
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Testify against me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, havemer-cy up-on us. Lord, havemer-cy up-on us.

* HYMN 98 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
All depart in silence.

PASSION CHORALE

*This afternoon we will receive an offering
to support One Great Hour of Sharing.*

Offering plates are available as you depart.

** Congregation may stand, as able.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SERVICE:

LITURGISTS: John Wilkinson
Martha C. Langford
Lynette Sparks

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

SOLOIST: Melissa Zgouridi

USHERS: Jeff Weis, Rob White



Easter Celebrations

6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

**at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
1100 S. Goodman Street, on the Terrace**

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary

**John Wilkinson preaching: "Invited to Go, Tell, See"
Mark 16:1-8**

Music for choir, brass, organ and handbells



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