



Good Friday

A Service of Shadows

April 10, 2020 + 7 PM

Good Friday is the second of the Great Three Days—the Triduum—consisting of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our worship on this day is a continuation of the service we began yesterday evening. Its form is called Tenebrae, or a “Service of Shadows,” and is based on a 12th-century extended meditation on the passion of Christ. The invitation of this day is to draw near to Jesus’ cross and to join him—as closely as we are able and willing—in his experience of suffering, abandonment, and death.

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*Join us in worship, Sunday mornings at 11 AM, on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/UMCBEREA).
Or, watch and share the video of our worship service later on our website at www.umcb.org/sermons.*

In preparation for worship, you are encouraged to light a candle as a reminder of God’s presence.

Hymns

Were You There

UMH 288

*Were you there when they crucified the Lord?
Were you there when they crucified the Lord?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

***Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?***

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Centering Words

Where is the light that shines in the darkness?

Where do we turn when all hope is lost?

Today, God makes common cause with human suffering.

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

But in the cross of Jesus, God meets us in our suffering.

From this day onward, we know: there is nowhere we can go where God's love is not with us.

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.***

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First Lesson: Jesus Prays in the Garden—Matthew 26.36-46 (CEB)

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, “Stay here while I go and pray over there.”³⁷When he took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. ³⁸Then he said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert with me.” ³⁹Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, “My Father, if it’s possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.”

⁴⁰He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you stay alert one hour with me? ⁴¹Stay alert and pray so that you won’t give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²A second time he went away and prayed, “My Father, if it’s not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want.”

⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with sleep. ⁴⁴But he left them and again went and prayed the same words for the third time. ⁴⁵Then he came to his disciples and said to them, “Will you sleep and rest all night? Look, the time has come for the Son of Man to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up. Let’s go. Look, here comes my betrayer.”

Second Lesson: Jesus is Arrested—Matthew 26.47-56 (CEB)

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came. With him was a large crowd carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ His betrayer had given them a sign: "Arrest the man I kiss." ⁴⁹ Just then he came to Jesus and said, "Hello, Rabbi." Then he kissed him.

⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

⁵¹ One of those with Jesus reached for his sword. Striking the high priest's slave, he cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put the sword back into its place. All those who use the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I'm not able to ask my Father and he will send to me more than twelve battle groups of angels right away? ⁵⁴ But if I did that, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this must happen?" ⁵⁵ Then Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, like a thief? Day after day, I sat in the temple teaching, but you didn't arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has happened so that what the prophets said in the scriptures might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Jesus and ran away.

Third Lesson: Jesus Before the Council—Matthew 26.57-64 (CEB)

⁵⁷ Those who arrested Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest. The legal experts and the elders had gathered there. ⁵⁸ Peter followed him from a distance until he came to the high priest's courtyard. He entered that area and sat outside with the officers to see how it would turn out.

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ They didn't find anything they could use from the many false witnesses who were willing to come forward. But finally they found two ⁶¹ who said, "This man said, 'I can destroy God's temple and rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² Then the high priest stood and said to Jesus, "Aren't you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?"

⁶³ But Jesus was silent.

The high priest said, "By the living God, I demand that you tell us whether you are the Christ, God's Son."

⁶⁴ "You said it," Jesus replied. "But I say to you that from now on you'll see the Son of Man sitting on the right side of the Almighty and coming on the heavenly clouds."

Fourth Lesson: Jesus is Condemned—Matthew 26.65-68 (CEB)

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He's insulting God! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, you've heard his insult against God. ⁶⁶ What do you think?"

And they answered, "He deserves to die!" ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and beat him. They hit him ⁶⁸ and said, "Prophecy for us, Christ! Who hit you?"

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

UMH 289

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted?
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,*

***I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.***

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Fifth Lesson: Jesus is Denied by Peter—Matthew 26.69-75 (CEB)

⁶⁹ Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant woman came and said to him, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.”

⁷⁰ But he denied it in front of all of them, saying, “I don’t know what you are talking about.”

⁷¹ When he went over to the gate, another woman saw him and said to those who were there, “This man was with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”

⁷² With a solemn pledge, he denied it again, saying, “I don’t know the man.”

⁷³ A short time later those standing there came and said to Peter, “You must be one of them. The way you talk gives you away.”

⁷⁴ Then he cursed and swore, “I don’t know the man!” At that very moment the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Peter remembered Jesus’ words, “Before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.” And Peter went out and cried uncontrollably.

Sixth Lesson: Jesus Before Pilate—Matthew 27.1-14 (CEB)

¹ Early in the morning all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to have Jesus put to death. ² They bound him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate the governor.

³ When Judas, who betrayed Jesus, saw that Jesus was condemned to die, he felt deep regret. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, and ⁴ said, “I did wrong because I betrayed an innocent man.”

But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.” ⁵ Judas threw the silver pieces into the temple and left. Then he went and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said, “According to the Law it’s not right to put this money in the treasury. Since it was used to pay for someone’s life, it’s unclean.” ⁷ So they decided to use it to buy the potter’s field where strangers could be buried. ⁸ That’s why that field is called “Field of Blood” to this very day. ⁹ This fulfilled the words of Jeremiah the prophet: *And I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price for the one whose price had been set by some of the Israelites,* ¹⁰ *and I gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.*

¹¹ Jesus was brought before the governor. The governor said, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “That’s what you say.” ¹² But he didn’t answer when the chief priests and elders accused him.

¹³ Then Pilate said, “Don’t you hear the testimony they bring against you?” ¹⁴ But he didn’t answer, not even a single word. So the governor was greatly amazed.

Seventh Lesson: Jesus is Handed Over—Matthew 27.15-26 (CEB)

¹⁵ It was customary during the festival for the governor to release to the crowd one prisoner, whomever they might choose. ¹⁶ At that time there was a well-known prisoner named Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ When the crowd had come together, Pilate asked them, “Whom would you like me to release to you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ He knew that the leaders of the people had handed him over because of jealousy.

¹⁹ While he was serving as judge, his wife sent this message to him, “Leave that righteous man alone. I’ve suffered much today in a dream because of him.”

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and kill Jesus. ²¹ The governor said, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

“Barabbas,” they replied.

²² Pilate said, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

They all said, "Crucify him!"

²³ But he said, "Why? What wrong has he done?"

They shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

²⁴ Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere and that a riot was starting. So he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I'm innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It's your problem."

²⁵ All the people replied, "Let his blood be on us and on our children."²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified.

Eighth Lesson: Jesus is Mocked—Matthew 27.27-31 (CEB)

²⁷ The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's house, and they gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a red military coat on him. ²⁹ They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a stick in his right hand. Then they bowed down in front of him and mocked him, saying, "Hey! King of the Jews!" ³⁰ After they spit on him, they took the stick and struck his head again and again. ³¹ When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the military coat and put his own clothes back on him. They led him away to crucify him.

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

UMH 286

***O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouch-safe to me thy grace.
What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.***

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Ninth Lesson: Jesus Bears the Cross—Matthew 27.32-38 (CEB)

³² As they were going out, they found Simon, a man from Cyrene. They forced him to carry his cross. ³³ When they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place, ³⁴ they gave Jesus wine mixed with vinegar to drink. But after tasting it, he didn't want to drink it. ³⁵ After they crucified him, they divided up his clothes among them by drawing lots. ³⁶ They sat there, guarding him. ³⁷ They placed above his head the charge against him. It read, "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews." ³⁸ They crucified with him two outlaws, one on his right side and one on his left.

Tenth Lesson: Jesus is Crucified—Matthew 27.39-44 (CEB)

³⁹ Those who were walking by insulted Jesus, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, "So you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, were you? Save yourself! If you are God's Son, come down from the cross."

⁴¹ In the same way, the chief priests, along with the legal experts and the elders, were making fun of him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others, but he can't save himself. He's the king of Israel, so let him come down from the cross now. Then we'll believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God, so let God deliver him now if he wants to. He said, 'I'm God's Son.'" ⁴⁴ The outlaws who were crucified with him insulted him in the same way.

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH 297

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

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Eleventh Lesson: Jesus Dies on the Cross—Matthew 27.45-56 (CEB)

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark.⁴⁶At about three Jesus cried out with a loud shout, “*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani*,” which means, “My God, my God, why have you left me?”

⁴⁷After hearing him, some standing there said, “He’s calling Elijah.”⁴⁸One of them ran over, took a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink.

⁴⁹But the rest of them said, “Let’s see if Elijah will come and save him.”

⁵⁰Again Jesus cried out with a loud shout. Then he died.

⁵¹Look, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, ⁵²and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised. ⁵³After Jesus’ resurrection they came out of their graves and went into the holy city where they appeared to many people. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and what had just happened, they were filled with awe and said, “This was certainly God’s Son.”

⁵⁵Many women were watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to serve him. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH 298

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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Twelfth Lesson: Jesus is Buried—Matthew 27.57-66 (CEB)

⁵⁷That evening a man named Joseph came. He was a rich man from Arimathea who had become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He came to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. Pilate gave him permission to take it.⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had carved out of the rock. After he rolled a large stone at the door of the tomb, he went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting in front of the tomb.

⁶²The next day, which was the day after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered

before Pilate. ⁶³They said, "Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive he said, 'After three days I will arise.' ⁶⁴Therefore, order the grave to be sealed until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people, 'He's been raised from the dead.' This last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵Pilate replied, "You have soldiers for guard duty. Go and make it as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶Then they went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone and posting the guard.

Hymn

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

UMH 291

***They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.***

***They nailed him to the tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they nailed him to the tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.***

***They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.***

***His blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
his blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.***

***He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
he hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word,
not a word, not a word, not a word.***

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Invitation to Consider the Cross

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

The cross upon which we hung the Savior of the world.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

The cross upon which we hung the Savior of the world.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

The cross upon which we hung the Savior of the world.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

My people, my people, why have you forsaken me?

I delivered you from captivity through the water of baptism,
but you handed me over to my executioners, giving me up to die;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. ***Lord, have mercy.***

I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven,
but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. ***Lord, have mercy.***

I claimed you as my family, as branches of my vine,
but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. ***Lord, have mercy.***

I spoke to you my Word, the promise of my love for all,
but you silence my prophets, refusing to hear my voice;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. ***Lord, have mercy.***

I came to be your light, to shine even in the darkness,
but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I gave you the keys to be my beloved community, and I welcomed you,
but you turn away strangers, closing doors that I open;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion,
but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace,
but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**

I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh,
but you ignore your neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face;
and you have made a cross for your Savior. **Lord, have mercy.**



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