



Good Friday



A Service of Shadows

April 15, 2022 + 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 it is based loosely 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 willing and able—in his experience of suffering, abandonment, and death.

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As followers of Jesus Christ, who reveals a God whose love knows no boundaries, we are committed to welcoming and affirming every person as a beloved child of God. Every person—of every sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label—is welcome to participate fully in our ministries and life together as church. We hope The United Methodist Church of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, in our relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation, **we make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Join us in worship, this week and every week:

Sunday at 9AM in-person in the Sanctuary and online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/live)

Sunday at 11AM in-person in Wesley Hall

Monday—Friday at 9AM (Morning Prayer) via Zoom
(1-888-788-0099, meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)

+ Centering Words

Where is the light that shines in the darkness?
Where do we turn when all hope feels 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.

+ 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 Predicts Peter's Denial—Luke 22.31-34 (CEB)

³¹ "Simon, Simon, look! Satan has asserted the right to sift you all like wheat. ³² However, I have prayed for you that your faith won't fail. When you have returned, strengthen your brothers and sisters."

³³ Peter responded, "Lord, I'm ready to go with you, both to prison and to death!"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster won't crow today before you have denied three times that you know me."

Second Lesson: Jesus Prays in the Garden—Luke 22.59-46 (CEB)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "When I sent you out without a wallet, bag, or sandals, you didn't lack anything, did you?"

They said, "Nothing."

³⁶ Then he said to them, “But now, whoever has a wallet must take it, and likewise a bag. And those who don’t own a sword must sell their clothes and buy one. ³⁷ I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in relation to me: *And he was counted among criminals*. Indeed, what’s written about me is nearing completion.”

³⁸ They said to him, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

He replied, “Enough of that!”

³⁹ Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he arrived, he said to them, “Pray that you won’t give in to temptation.” ⁴¹ He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed. ⁴² He said, “Father, if it’s your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done.” ⁴³ Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. ⁴⁵ When he got up from praying, he went to the disciples. He found them asleep, overcome by grief. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won’t give in to temptation.”

Third Lesson: Jesus is Arrested—Luke 22.47-53 (CEB)

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd appeared, and the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him.

⁴⁸ Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

⁴⁹ When those around him recognized what was about to happen, they said, “Lord, should we fight with our swords?” ⁵⁰ One of them struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ Jesus responded, “Stop! No more of this!” He touched the slave’s ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders who had come to get him, “Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, as though I were a thief? ⁵³ Day after day I was with you in the temple, but you didn’t arrest me. But this is your time, when darkness rules.”

Fourth Lesson: Jesus is Denied by Peter—Luke 22.54-62 (CEB)

⁵⁴ After they arrested Jesus, they led him away and brought him to the high priest’s house. Peter followed from a distance. ⁵⁵ When they lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

⁵⁶ Then a servant woman saw him sitting in the firelight. She stared at him and said, “This man was with him too.”

⁵⁷ But Peter denied it, saying, “Woman, I don’t know him!”

⁵⁸ A little while later, someone else saw him and said, “You are one of them too.”

But Peter said, “Man, I’m not!”

⁵⁹ An hour or so later, someone else insisted, “This man must have been with him, because he is a Galilean too.”

⁶⁰ Peter responded, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about!” At that very moment, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered the Lord’s words: “Before a rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶² And Peter went out and cried uncontrollably.

Fifth Lesson: Jesus is Taunted—Luke 22.63-65 (CEB)

⁶³ The men who were holding Jesus in custody taunted him while they beat him. ⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and asked him repeatedly, “Prophecy! Who hit you?” ⁶⁵ Insulting him, they said many other horrible things against him.

+ Litany Prayer

There is no warmth in the fire.

Our blood runs cold as the night.

The one we love is in peril.

Our courage blows away like the wind.

Strangers recognize our fellowship with Jesus.

Our denial pierces the soul like the rooster's crow pierces the dawn.

There is no warmth in the fire.

Our tears flow as cold as the night.

+ 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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Sixth Lesson: Jesus Before the Council—Luke 22.66-71 (CEB)

⁶⁶As morning came, the elders of the people, both chief priests and legal experts, came together, and Jesus was brought before their council.

⁶⁷They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us!"

He answered, "If I tell you, you won't believe. ⁶⁸And if I ask you a question, you won't answer. ⁶⁹But from now on, *the Son of Man will be seated on the right side of the power of God.*"

⁷⁰They all said, "Are you God's Son, then?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

⁷¹Then they said, "Why do we need further testimony? We've heard it from his own lips."

Seventh Lesson: Jesus Before Pilate—Luke 23.1-5 (CEB)

23 The whole assembly got up and led Jesus to Pilate and ²began to accuse him. They said, “We have found this man misleading our people, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar, and claiming that he is the Christ, a king.”

³ Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “That’s what you say.”

⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no legal basis for action against this man.”

⁵ But they objected strenuously, saying, “He agitates the people with his teaching throughout Judea—starting from Galilee all the way here.”

Eighth Lesson: Jesus Before Herod—Luke 23.6-12 (CEB)

⁶ Hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was from Herod’s district, Pilate sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ Herod was very glad to see Jesus, for he had heard about Jesus and had wanted to see him for quite some time. He was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. ⁹ Herod questioned Jesus at length, but Jesus didn’t respond to him. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the legal experts were there, fiercely accusing Jesus. ¹¹ Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt. Herod mocked him by dressing Jesus in elegant clothes and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² Pilate and Herod became friends with each other that day. Before this, they had been enemies.

Ninth Lesson: Jesus Before the Crowd—Luke 23.13-25 (CEB)

¹³ Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people. ¹⁴ He said to them, “You brought this man before me as one who was misleading the people. I have questioned him in your presence and found nothing in this man’s conduct that provides a legal basis for the charges you have brought against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, because Herod returned him to us. He’s done nothing that deserves death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I’ll have him whipped, then let him go.”

¹⁸ But with one voice they shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.” (¹⁹ Barabbas had been thrown into prison because of a riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Pilate addressed them again because he wanted to release Jesus.

²¹ They kept shouting out, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

²² For the third time, Pilate said to them, “Why? What wrong has he done? I’ve found no legal basis for the death penalty in his case. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go.”

²³ But they were adamant, shouting their demand that Jesus be crucified. Their voices won out. ²⁴ Pilate issued his decision to grant their request. ²⁵ He released the one they asked for, who had been thrown into prison because of a riot and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will.

+ Prayer of Yearning

Holy Mystery, our faith stands on edge.

We long to stand up for what we believe,

***but it is easier to wash our hands of responsibility
and to blame others in our inaction.***

We yearn to take a principled and courageous stand,

***but it is easier to defer to the judgments of others
and to simply go along with the crowd.***

We dream of following Jesus to the end,

***but it is easier to slip into the darkness
and to betray the spirit striving within us.***

Forgive us, O God,

and help us find our courage amid the dying light.

*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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Tenth Lesson: Jesus on the Way to the Cross—Luke 23.26-31 (CEB)

²⁶ As they led Jesus away, they grabbed Simon, a man from Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside. They put the cross on his back and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A huge crowd of people followed Jesus, including women, who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned to the women and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t cry for me. Rather, cry for yourselves and your children. ²⁹ The time will come when they will say, ‘Happy are those who are unable to become pregnant, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed a child.’ ³⁰ Then *they will say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’* ³¹ If they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Eleventh Lesson: Jesus is Crucified and Dies—Luke 23.32-49 (CEB)

³² They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. ³³ When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.” They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

³⁵ The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one.”

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” ³⁸ Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read “This is the king of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, “Don’t you fear God, seeing that you’ve also been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus replied, “I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness covered the whole earth until about three o’clock, ⁴⁵ while the sun stopped shining. Then the curtain in the sanctuary tore down the middle. ⁴⁶ Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus said, “Father, *into your hands I entrust my life.*” After he said this, he breathed for the last time.

⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God, saying, “It’s really true: this man was righteous.” ⁴⁸ All the crowds who had come together to see this event returned to their homes beating their chests after seeing what had happened. ⁴⁹ And everyone who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance observing these things.

Twelfth Lesson: Jesus is Buried—Luke 23.50-56 (CEB)

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph who was a member of the council. He was a good and righteous man. ⁵¹ He hadn’t agreed with the plan and actions of the council. He was from the Jewish city of Arimathea and eagerly anticipated God’s kingdom. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. ⁵³ Taking it down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid it in a tomb carved out of the rock, in which no one had ever been buried. ⁵⁴ It was the Preparation Day for the Sabbath, and the Sabbath was quickly approaching. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph. They saw the tomb and how Jesus’ body was laid in it, ⁵⁶ then they went away and prepared fragrant spices and perfumed oils. They rested on the Sabbath, in keeping with the commandment.

+ Hymn

Were You There

UMH 288

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my 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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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.***

***Our worship continues tomorrow,
on Holy Saturday at 7 PM here in the Sanctuary
as we continue this sacred story.***