

ANOTHER LOVE ONE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Good
FRIDAY

7 PM

APRIL 7TH, 2023

LOVE GOD.
LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

* = *Please stand as you are able.*

Regular text is read by minister
Bold text is read by congregation

TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the depths of his sacrifice and as the Christ candle departs signifying Jesus’ death on the cross, we remember Christ’s presence with us through the valley of the shadow of death and look ahead in hope to Easter’s dawn.

The people gather in silence.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
who redeems us from sin and death.

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PRAYER (*Unison*)

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross.

**Save us from hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us,
we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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? Answer 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 mercy.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

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 my side with a spear, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed upon you the keys of the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

A brief silence is kept.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Most gracious God, this night we remember our Lord Jesus Christ, and his betrayal and death upon the cross.

Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals, as we hear the story of his great love given for us.

Through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:7-15

Pew Bible pg. 53 (NT)

MEDITATION

“To Follow Jesus”

Rev. David Dornack

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

PROLOGUE

Isaiah 53:2-5

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

John 15:12-13

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

HYMN #215

Wondrous Love

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Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, 12.9.12.12.9; Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835

FIRST WORD

Psalm 19:12-13

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Luke 23:32-38

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

MUSIC

What Wondrous Love Is This
(*Handbell Choir; Greg Homza, cello*)

arr. Barbara Brocker

(The First Candle is extinguished.)**SECOND WORD**

Psalm 22:1-8

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

Matthew 27:45-49

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema' sabach'thani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

MUSIC

What Wondrous Love Is This
(*Leah Papay, soprano; Alex Trull, tenor*)

arr. Greg Homza

(The Second Candle is extinguished.)**THIRD WORD**

Psalm 22:16-18

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

John 19:23-27

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his

mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clo'pas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

MUSIC

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Jeanne Cotter

(The Third Candle is extinguished.)

FOURTH WORD

Psalm 22:11-15

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Ba'shan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

MUSIC

What Wondrous Love Is This
(Alex Trull, tenor)

Charles Dupree

(The Fourth Candle is extinguished.)

FIFTH WORD

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

HYMN #227

Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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(The Fifth Candle is extinguished.)

SIXTH WORD

Mark 15:37-39

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

A brief silence is kept.

MUSIC

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(Greg Homza, cello)

arr. Daniel S. Pinkston

(The Sixth Candle is extinguished.)

SEVENTH WORD

Psalm 31:1-5

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Luke 23:44-48

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

MUSIC

Were You There

arr. William Roger Price

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

EPILOGUE

Isaiah 53:6-9

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich...

John 14:1-3

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

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(The Christ Candle is removed from the Sanctuary.)

DISMISSAL

Go into the stillness of night with holy uncertainty and expectancy. Hold onto hope. Draw near to the holy. Turn toward the crushed, discouraged, forsaken, and wounded with love, encouragement, and good deeds. May the God who suffered meet you there.

Amen.

The people depart in silence.

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Vision Statement:

We commit to be a church that is:

Engaged: A forward-thinking and involved congregation committed to each other and to the wider community.

Inclusive: A faith community that affirms and welcomes all people.

Compassionate: A congregation that follows in Christ's way, advancing the well-being and dignity of all people, working for a just and equitable society, and caring for all creation.

Faithful: Living our faith authentically with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God's love is known.

Ways to get involved at FPC

Adult Bible Lectionary Study

Every Sunday @ 9:00 am via Zoom and in Room 308

Practical Theology Study and Discussion

Every Wednesday @ noon at the church

Open Circle

Every Thursday @ 10:15 am in the Heritage Room (207) and via Zoom

Chancel Choir

Practice every Thursday @ 7pm in the Choir Room

Sunday School: Pre-k to 8th Grade

Every Sunday @ 10:45 am during worship at the church, except for Communion Sundays
(First Sunday of the Month)

Volunteer @ Alder House Food Closet, Community Dinners, and NEFP

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