

THE DARKNESS OF CRUCIFIXION

Luke 23:26-27, 32-43

Jesus is crucified.

ANTHEM

(The seventh candle is extinguished)
“A Purple Robe, a Crown of Thorn”

Lloyd Larson & Charles H. Gabriel

THE DARKNESS OF DEATH

Luke 23:44-49

Jesus breathes his last.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(The eighth candle is extinguished)
“Were You There?”

WERE YOU THERE

*BENEDICTION

(Please exit the sanctuary in silence)

† **A Special Thank You to our WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

Chancel Handbell Choir; Chancel Choir; Cynthia Welborn, Soloist; Annelie Fahlstedt, Violin, Jaime Maraviglia, Liturgical Movement.

† “The Non-Conformist” displayed on the Westville Avenue wall, is the work of artist James H. Daugherty and was a gift to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell from Mary Ann Reed and her late husband, Henry.

† On Saturday, April 4th at 8:00PM, you are invited to a special worship opportunity offered by the Youth of our church, **The Great Vigil of Easter Service**. The Great Vigil of Easter traces its roots to the earliest days of Christianity. This four-part liturgy begins with the Service of Light where the new fire is blessed and the people follow the lighted Paschal Candle into the sanctuary just as the Israelites followed the pillars of cloud and fire when they were delivered from bondage. The second part of the service consists of several readings from the Old and New Testaments as we retell our “holy history” as God’s children, summarizing the faith into which we are baptized. This is followed by the Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant. The Vigil culminates in the joyous celebration of communion when the risen Lord invites all to participate in new life by sharing in the family meal, a foretaste of the messianic banquet. The Vigil thus celebrates what God has done, is doing, and will do.

† Your attendance and participation will enhance our worship as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday. Join us at 6:15AM for an **Early Dawn Service** in the Old Burying Ground, or for **Festival Worship** at 9:30AM or 11:00AM in the Sanctuary banked with Easter lilies.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

April 4 **8:00PM** Easter Vigil Worship Service - Communion

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 **6:15 AM** Early Dawn Worship in the Old Burying Ground

9:30 AM Festival Worship Service with Kid’s Page ages 2-5

11:00 AM Festival Worship Service with Kid’s Page ages 2-5



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GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae
April 3, 2015
7:30PM

*The word “Tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.”
The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to re-create the emotional aspects of the
Passion story, through the reading of the Passion narrative
and the sequential extinguishing of candles.*

PRELUDE “What Wondrous Love Is This” Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 53) Robin Collura, Liturgist

Come, see the servant of the Lord;
A man of suffering, despised and rejected by others.
Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
He was wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities.
Upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
And by his bruises we are healed.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 217 “On a Barren Hilltop” KING’S WESTON
Lighting the candles this evening is Acolyte Alyssa White.

THE DARKNESS OF MISUNDERSTANDING

Mark 9:30-32
The disciples do not understand Jesus’ words.
(The first candle is extinguished)

HYMN NO. 216 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOPHER

THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

John 13:3-6, 12-15, 21-30
After washing the disciples’ feet, Jesus identifies the one who is to betray him.
(The second candle is extinguished)

PERSONAL MEDITATION

*During this time of meditation, those who desire are invited to come forward and have the mark of
the cross placed on the back of their hand, signifying our complicity in evil.*

THE DARKNESS OF TEMPTATION

Luke 22:39-46
Jesus prays in Gethsemane that the cup might be removed from him.
(The third candle is extinguished)
“I would not forget what the olive-trees heard – his one unanswered prayer!”
Katherine Brégy

HYMN NO. 220 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” REDHEAD 76
**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away, learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

Mark 14:53, 55-65; 15:1-5
Jesus is tried before Pilate.

(The fourth candle is extinguished)
HYMN NO. 220 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” REDHEAD 76
**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

THE DARKNESS OF DENIAL

Luke 22:54-62
Peter denies that he even knows Jesus.
(The fifth candle is extinguished)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has
become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed,
and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus
Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*As a symbol of the cleansing of forgiveness, those who had a cross marked on their hand
are invited to come forward and have that mark removed.*

OFFERING (Tonight’s offering will go to support the Caldwell Food Pantry)
OFFERTORY “Ave Verum Corpus” W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
“Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind.
Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood, be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

THE DARKNESS OF REJECTION

Luke 23:13-25
The people choose Barabbas.
(The sixth candle is extinguished)
*HYMN NO. 209 (stanzas 1, 4, 5) “My Song is Love Unknown” LOVE UNKNOWN