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GOOD FRIDAY

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

APRIL 2, 2021

HALF AFTER SEVEN O' CLOCK

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Bach

Steven Jensen, organist

*Worshipers are invited to light a candle in their home worship space.
The candles in the Sanctuary will be gradually extinguished.*

INTROIT

Crucifixus

Jean-Baptiste Faure

Come unto him, all ye who weep; for he too weepeth.

Come unto him, all ye who mourn; for he can heal.

Come unto him, all ye who fear, Come unto him, in woe and weal.

Come unto him, in your last sleep; he never sleepeth.

Colleen Brooks, soloist

LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

*One: O crucified Jesus, Son of God,
born of Mary and the Holy Spirit, eternal Word of God,*

All: have mercy on us.

*One: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God,
dwelling place of the Most High, kingdom of
God among us,*

All: have mercy on us.

*One: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love,
full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,*

All: have mercy on us.

*One: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart,
in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
in you dwells all the fullness of God,*

All: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God,

All: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

All: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

All: grant us peace.

HYMN 218 (stzs.1-2,4-5) Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

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 PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK
CHAPTER 15

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MARK 15: 1-15

"They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate."

REFLECTION "If I make my bed in hell..." *Howard Thurman*

+ The first candle is extinguished +

MARK 15: 16-26

"Then they led him out to crucify him."

HYMN 221 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

+ The second candle is extinguished +

MARK 15: 27-32

"It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him."

PRAYER

Church of Scotland (1994)

One: *Savior of the world, what have you done
to deserve this?*

All: And what have we done to deserve you?
Strung up between criminals,
cursed and spat upon,
you wait for death, and look for us,
for us whose sin has crucified you.

One: To the mystery of undeserved suffering,
you bring the deeper mystery of unmerited love.
All: Forgive us for not knowing what we have done;
open our eyes to see what you are doing now,
as, through wood and nails,
you disempower our depravity
and transform us by your grace. Amen.

+ The third candle is extinguished +

MARK 15: 33-36

"When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land ..."

PSALM 22: 1-8, 14-24

"My God ... why have you forsaken me?"

REFLECTION *"My God! My God! ..."* *Howard Thurman*

SOLO *Wondrous Love*

American folk hymn; arr. Richard Walters

*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...
When I was sinking down, O my soul ... When I was sinking down,
he lay aside his crown for my soul ... He lay aside his crown for my soul.*

+ The fourth candle is extinguished +

MARK 15: 37-39

"The centurion ... said, Truly this man was God's Son!"

PROFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead ...

The remainder of the Creed is unspoken until
the first proclamation of the resurrection at the Easter Vigil.
The full creed is affirmed on Easter morning.

+ The fifth candle is extinguished +

MARK 15: 40-47

"There were also women looking on from a distance ..."

HYMN 228 Were You There?

African American spiritual

+ The sixth candle is extinguished +

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

*One: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?
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.*

*All: Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

*One: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?
In what have I offended you?*

Answer me.

*I taught and healed and offered you the very kingdom,
and you have accused me of perverting the nation,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

*All: Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

*One: I came with the promise of peace,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom.*

*I offered you my body and my blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

*All: Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

*One: 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 me,
naked and you did not clothe me,*

sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

One: *What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I preached the good news of righteousness
and showed you the kingdom of God;
you have mocked me with a crown of thorns,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

One: *I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you
turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

From the *Book of Common Worship* of The Presbyterian Church (USA)

+ The seventh candle is extinguished +

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN (on insert) Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

Mit Freuden Zart

The Sanctuary is darkened except for the Christ candle.

Extinguish the candles you have lighted at home.

On this night there is no benediction.

POSTLUDE

Finale from the *St. Mathew Passion*

J.S. Bach

The service continues tomorrow evening at 7:30

with the Easter Eve Procession.

This evening's Service of Tenebrae ("darkness") consists of readings, hymns, and anthems accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of light in the Sanctuary. The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross have been spoken and sung on Good Friday since the early centuries of Christianity. Echoing Psalm 78, they give voice to Christ's lament over our sin. At the end of the service only the Christ candle on the Communion Table remains lighted, symbolizing the hope of resurrection even in the darkest hours of sin and death. The reflections by Howard Thurman (1900-1981) are from *The Inward Journey*.

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION!

EASTER VIGIL PROCESSION + April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

An in-person, silent procession of light around and through the church building, reflecting the scriptural and sacramental traditions of the Easter Vigil. Those planning to participate have been asked to pre-register for the purposes of contact tracing. Masks are required.

EASTER SUNDAY + April 4

9:45 Prelude concert; organ, tympani

Steven Jensen and Mike Lorenz

10:00 Morning Worship

Dr. Block preaching, "The End of Easter?"

Mozart's *Alleluia* and Handel's *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Kathryn Henry, soloist

11:15 Virtual coffee hour for all ages

If you are "visiting" Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 184th anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Thank you to today's volunteer camera operator for virtual worship, David Ravie.

Our livestream worship services now extend our community across the country. Committed to "keeping faith in the city," Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Zambia and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. **Contact Associate Pastor Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.**

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April 2, 2021