

-Enter in silence-

CHORAL PRELUDE

“A Shadow Fell on Sharon’s Rose”

J. Martin

SOLEMN RINGING OF THE BELLS

Bells tone thirty three times in remembrance of the years Christ lived on earth.

-Please Stand and Face Processional Cross-

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus I Will Ponder Now”

LSB #440 (v. 1,5)



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

5. If my sins give me alarm and my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won by Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM 22

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

Why are you so far from saving me?

But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

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 strength is dried up like a potsherd,

and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me;

a company of evildoers encircles me;

they have pierced my hands and feet -

I can count all my bones—

they stare and gloat over me;

they divide my garments among them,

and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

+Passion of Our Lord According to the Gospel of John +

First Reading

John 18:1-11

(Betrayal of Jesus)

-First Candle is Extinguished-

HYMN

“O Dearest Jesus”

LSB #439 (v.1-2)



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.

Second Reading

John 18:12-27

(Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)

-Second Candle is Extinguished-

CHOIR

“Three Dark Hours”

R. Sterling

Three dark hours, no more light;

Shadows like a shroud across the sun.

Three dark hours, black as night ; Kyrie eleison.

There hangs Jesus, “King of Jews.” Common thieves hang on each side.

Tried and beaten, falsely accused. The sun in shame begins to hide.

Three dark hours, no more light;

Shadows like a shroud across the sun, ‘cross the sun.

Three dark hours, black as night; Kyrie elesion

In the shadows hides a man whose kiss betrays the Son of God.

Silver pieces burn in his hand, while greed consumes his sinful heart.

Three dark hours, no more light;

Shadows like a shroud across the sun, ‘cross the sun.

Three dark hours, black as night; Kyrie elesion

Three dark hours, black as night; Kyrie eleison

Third Reading

John 18:28-40

(Jesus Before Pilate)

-Third Candle is Extinguished-

HYMN

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

LSB #449



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

MEDITATION

“It Doesn’t Wash Off!”
Rev. Michael D. Ahlemeyer



So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. - Matthew 27: 24, 26

Fourth Reading

John 19:1-16

(Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)

-Fourth Candle is Extinguished-

HYMN

“My Lord and Master”

K.L. Scott

Choir:

*My Lord and Master, at Your feet adoring,
I see You bowed beneath a load of woe:
For me, a sinner, is Your liveblood pouring;
For You, my Savior, scarce my tears will flow.*

*Your own disciple to Your foes has sold you,
With friendship's kiss and loyal word he came;
How often faithful love my lips have told You,
While You have seen my falsehood and my shame!*

*With taunts and scoffs they mock Your seeming weakness,
With blows and outrage adding pain to pain;
You are unmoved and steadfast in Your meekness;
When I am wronged how quickly I complain!*

Congregation:

**My Lord and Savior, when I see You wearing
There on Your bleeding brow the crown of thorn,
Shall I for pleasure live, or shrink from bearing
What'er my lot may be of pain or scorn?**

**O Victim of Your love, O pains most healing,
O saving death, O wounds that I adore,
O shame most glorious! Christ, before You kneeling,
I pray You keep me Yours forevermore.**

Fifth Reading

John 19:16-24

(Crucifixion)

-Fifth Candle is Extinguished-

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

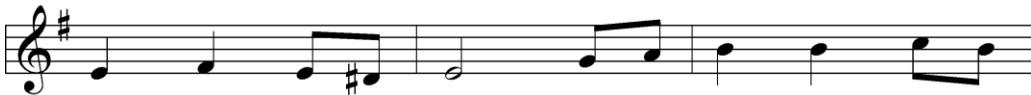
LSB #451 (v.1-2)



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

Sixth Reading

John 19:25-30
(Death of Jesus)

-Sixth Candle is Extinguished-

CHOIR

“They Took My Lord Away”

arr. D. Nolan

*They took my Lord away, and laid Him in a tomb.
They dressed Him in a linen shroud.
The air was heavy with gloom.
They rolled a stone against the tomb.
A soldier stood there to guard it.
They crucified my beloved Lord;
Though He was without sin.
I stand before the cross;
The place my Jesus died.
My broken heart is weeping.
My soul is drenched in sorrow.
What have they done to my precious Lord;
My Savior, Teacher, and Friend?
They took my Lord away from me;
My heartache never to end.
Creation stood in silent awe.
The wind began to sigh.
The garden bowed its head in grief.
The earth began to cry.
They took my Lord away. They took my Lord away.*

Seventh Reading

John 19:31-42
(Jesus' Side Is Pierced)

HYMN

"Were You There?"

LSB #456 (v. 1)



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh . . .



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

-Seventh Candle is Extinguished-

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS

"Were You There?"

Cello Solo

LORD'S PRAYER

-Depart in Silence-

(Offering Is Taken at the Door as We Leave Waiting for Easter Sunday)

POSTLUDE

"Were You There?"

Cello & Piano

Special thanks to our musicians:

Becky Schultz—Organ

Kendra Quandt-Coffee—Piano

Warren Samples—Cello

Melissa Phillips—Flute

Lori Ardovino—Clarinet

Handbells—Melissa Phillips

LCVH Adult Choir

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: 8:45-10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for Children: 9:30 a.m.

