



**Service of Tenebrae**  
**Good Friday**  
**April 18, 2025 7:30pm**

**PRELUDE**

“Ah, Dearest Jesus”

HERZLIEBSTER  
arr. by Gordon Young

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Karen Wright

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

**ALL: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

ONE: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; by night, but find no rest.

**ALL: 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.**

(Psalm 22:1-4)

**\*HYMN 223**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Emily Nelson Dixon

The promise of our faith is that if we call on the name of the Lord, our God will remember our sin no more. Therefore, let us confess our wrongdoing.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes did suffer death upon the cross: Help us to bear within ourselves your dying, and, in our living, to show forth your life. Looking on you whom we have pierced, we would mourn for our sins with unfeigned sorrow; we would learn of you to forgive, with you to suffer, and in you to overcome. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.**

Lord, we pray to you, in your great mercy, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### GOSPEL READING

John 19:1–16

Terri Monrad

### CHORAL REFLECTION

“My Jesus I Love Thee”\*

Dan Forrest

*My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

### MEDITATION

“Overcoming Fear”

Rev. Karen Wright

### HYMN 221

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

### SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Matthew 26:20–25; 31–36 — The Upper Room

Terri Monrad

Luke 22:39–44 — The Garden of Gethsemane

Harold Frye

### CHORAL REFLECTION

“Thy Will Be Done”

Craig Courtney

*Our cup was filled with darkness; our cup was filled with death.  
Christ took our cup and drank it and gave us life and gave us hope, gave us Himself.*

*“My Father, let this cup pass from me,  
My Father, let this cup pass from me,  
yet not my will, O Lord,  
yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.”*

*In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane,  
pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day.*

*Then they took our Savior and led Him to a tree  
and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death, to RISE AGAIN!*

Mark 14:42–46 — Jesus' Arrest  
Mark 15:1–15 — Jesus Before Pilate

Barbara Douglas  
Jane Knoche

## CHORAL REFLECTION

### "Lamb of God"

John Reim

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.  
With Your stripes we are healed.*

*The Lord has placed on You the iniquity of all. Have mercy.  
The chastisement of our peace was upon You. You were despised,  
a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief and we esteemed you not.*

*Grant us peace, Lord, grant us peace.*

Mark 15:16–20 — Jesus Is Mocked  
Mark 15:22–32 — Jesus Is Crucified  
Mark 15:33–37 — Jesus' Death

Harold Frye  
Barbara Douglas  
Jane Knoche

## CHORAL REFLECTION

### "Were You There"\*\*\*

African-American spiritual  
Arr. Kyle Pederson

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Sometimes it causes me to 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?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

## **TOLLING OF THE BELL AND STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY**

*(Symbols representing Christ's earthly presence are carried out of the sanctuary as the bell is rung thirty-three times in recognition of Jesus' life on earth.)*

**ISAIAH 53:4–11**

Rev. Karen Wright

**DEPART IN SILENCE**

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GCPC Director of Music Ministries.

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### **EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES – 9 AND 11AM**

Come and join us as we celebrate the resurrection this Sunday, April 20, in Grace Covenant's traditional unique way. As always this will be a glorious celebration with marvelous music, a beautifully decorated sanctuary, holy scripture, the sacrament of communion, and good, good news. Invite a neighbor! (There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.)



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