

## Mentor UMC Good Friday – Tenebrae Service 2021

Prelude "Ah, Holy Jesus" arr., Janet Linker

Call to Worship (Isaiah 53:1, 4-5)

L: Who has believed our message, and to whom  
has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**P: Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by God, and afflicted.**

L: But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him;

**P: And by his wounds we are healed.**

Opening Prayer

**Most gracious God, we are like sheep who have gone astray,  
seeking to find our own way. We call to you in the name of  
Christ our Lord, who was betrayed, given into sinful hands,  
and suffered death upon the cross. Through the offering of  
our Lord, we know that we will see the light of life. We call  
to you in the name of Christ our Lord who now lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and  
ever. Amen.**

"And Can It Be" Dan Forrest  
Melanie Lyttle, soloist

Invitation

When we hear the passion story, we are often tempted to think  
of it happening long ago and having nothing to do with us. Yet,  
Jesus' journey to the cross is our journey. The pain and ridicule

hurled at him is our brokenness. The sin Jesus takes on is our sin.  
The redemption that Jesus seeks is for us. Let us hear with fresh  
ears and open hearts, and receive what God offers in Christ.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 297 verses 1 & 2

### The Service of Shadows

#### Darkness of Betrayal

Matthew 26:1 -5, 14 - 16

"Father, Forgive Them"

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded March 30, 2018

*The first candle is extinguished*

#### Darkness of Temptation

Matthew 26:31 - 39

"As You Will, It Will Be"

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded April 19, 2019

*The second candle is extinguished*

#### Darkness of Abandonment

Matthew 26: 40 - 56

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

# 292 verse 1

*The third candle is extinguished*

#### Darkness of Accusation

Matthew 26: 57 – 68

"Were You There"

Traditional. Spiritual/arr. Elaine Schram

*The fourth candle is extinguished*

#### Darkness of Denial

Matthew 26: 69 – 75

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

# 289 verse 1 & 2

*The fifth candle is extinguished*

Darkness of Sentencing

Matthew 27:11 - 31

*"Let Him Be Crucified"*

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded April 19, 2019

*The sixth candle is extinguished*

Darkness of Ridicule

Matthew 27:32 – 44

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* Choral Setting by Joel Raney

*The seventh candle is extinguished*

Darkness of Crucifixion

Matthew 27:45- 50

*"Christ, We Do All Adore You"*

Theodore Dubois

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded April 19, 2019

*Silence ....*

Dismissal Blessing

*May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.*

*May Jesus Christ, who for our sake was laid in a grave ... only to assure that his rising to life would secure victory and hope, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.*

*Amen.*