

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 2nd, 2021

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THE THREE DAYS: *Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.*

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April 2, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Congregational parts are in **bold letters**

*Please stand if YOU are able

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF SERVICE

“Tenebrae” is the Latin word for “shadows.” The Tenebrae service commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The gradual extinguishing of the light symbolizes the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus, and the gathering darkness of the Crucifixion. At the close, one candle will remain lit to indicate that death only seems to triumph over Christ, who is the Light of the World.

PRAYER

ALL: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinner and to suffer death on the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SHADOWS

The Shadow of Denial: Mark 14:26-31

PETER’S DENIAL FORETOLD

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” ³⁰Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

First Candle Extinguished

HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Bulletin pg. 7, verse 1

The Shadow of Sorrow: Mark 14:32-42

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Second Candle Extinguished

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Bulletin pg. 8, verse 1

The Shadow of Betrayal: Mark 14:43-45

THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.

Third Candle Extinguished

HYMN

“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

Bulletin pg. 9

The Shadow of Desertion: Mark 14:46-52

⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Fourth Candle Extinguished

HYMN

“In the Hour of Trial”

Bulletin pg. 10, verse 1

The Shadow of Trial: Mark 14:53—15:15

JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false

testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

PETER DENIES JESUS

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

PILATE HANDS JESUS OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Fifth Candle Extinguished

HYMN

“Beneath the Cross”

Bulletin pg. 11, verses 1-3

The Shadow of Crucifixion: Mark 15:16-32

THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁸²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Sixth Candle Extinguished

HYMN

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Bulletin pg. 12

The Shadow of Death: Mark 15:33-47

THE DEATH OF JESUS

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had

been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

Seventh Candle Extinguished

HYMN

“Were You There”

Bulletin pg. 13, verses 1-3

Silent Reflection and Dismissal

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!

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WELCOME TO ALL!

WITH CHRIST’S LOVE AND GOD’S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah this evening. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Vicar. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

WE WELCOME OUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS from other churches of our community and appreciate the opportunity that is ours as fellow Christians to worship together. Messiah is glad to have you as our guests this evening and we pray that the service will be a rich blessing to you.

What Wondrous Love Is This

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G Dm C Am C Dm F Em Dm

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Am Am7 F Em Dm Dm7 G Am Am7 Dm G

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

Am B^bmaj⁷ C Dm G Dm C C F Em

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's right-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

Dm G Em Dm Am Am7 F Em Dm

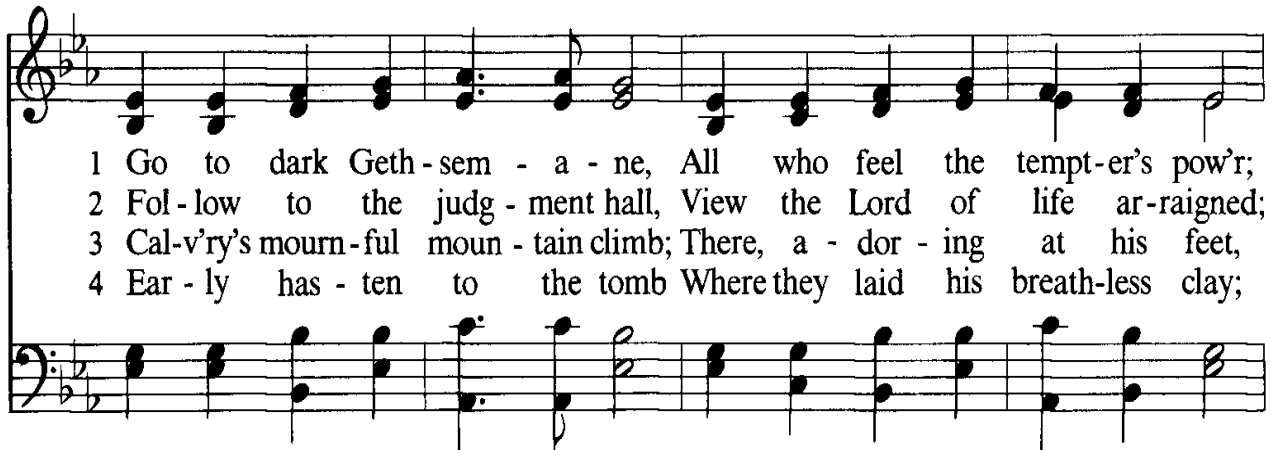
soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn, alt.
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

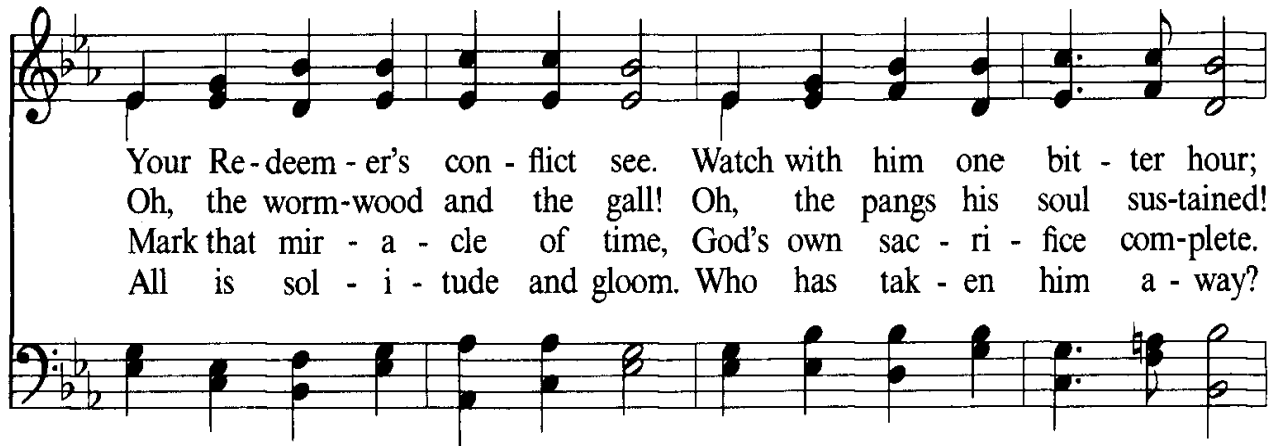
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Go to Dark Gethsemane

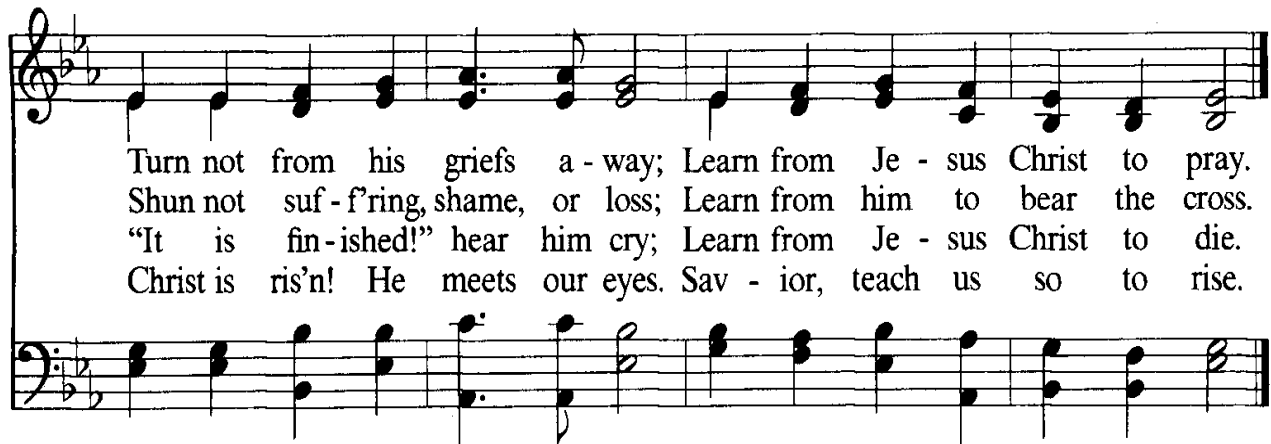
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1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his breath-less clay;



Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
Mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
All is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



Turn not from his griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a - way the sin of the world,

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a - way the sin of the world,". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak -

The second system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has lyrics: "Have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak -". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

est a - way the sin of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us!

The third system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has lyrics: "est a - way the sin of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us!". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a - way the sin of the world,

The fourth system concludes the musical notation. The treble staff has lyrics: "O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a - way the sin of the world,". The bass staff continues the accompaniment and ends with a sharp sign on the bass line.

LENT

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In the Hour of Trial

1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm,
3 Should thy mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,

Lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
Or its sor - did trea - sures Spread to work me harm,
Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,

When thou seest me wa - ver, With a look re - call;
Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
Grant that I may nev - er Fail thy hand to see;

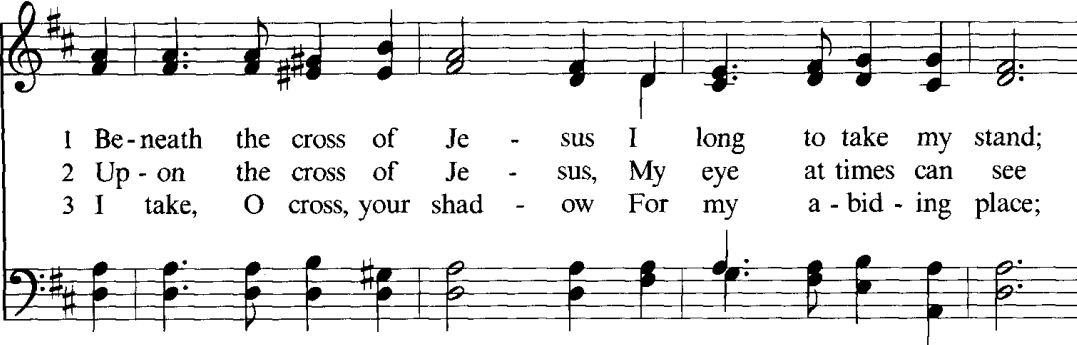
Nor from fear or fa - vor Suf - fer me to fall.
Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on thee.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Tune: Spencer Lane, 1843-1903

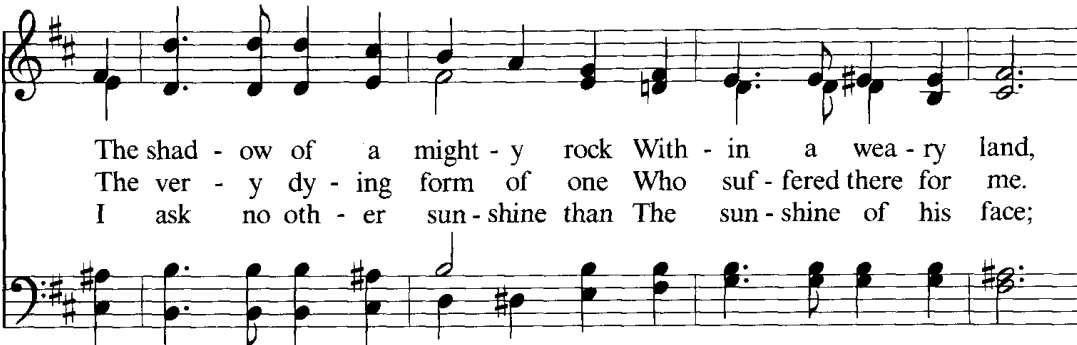
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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

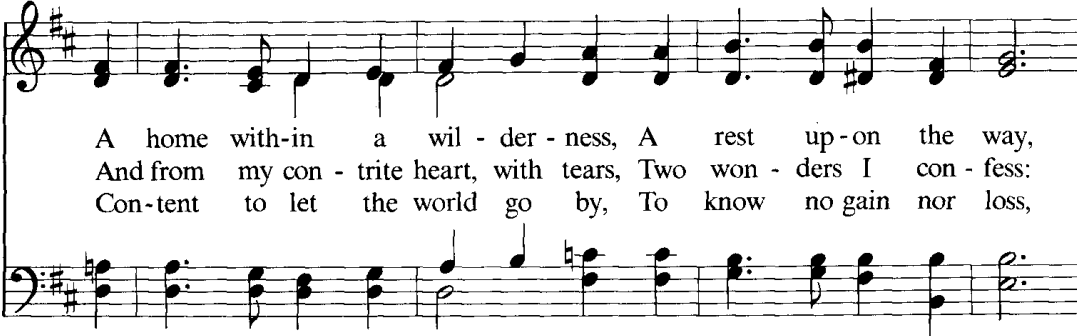
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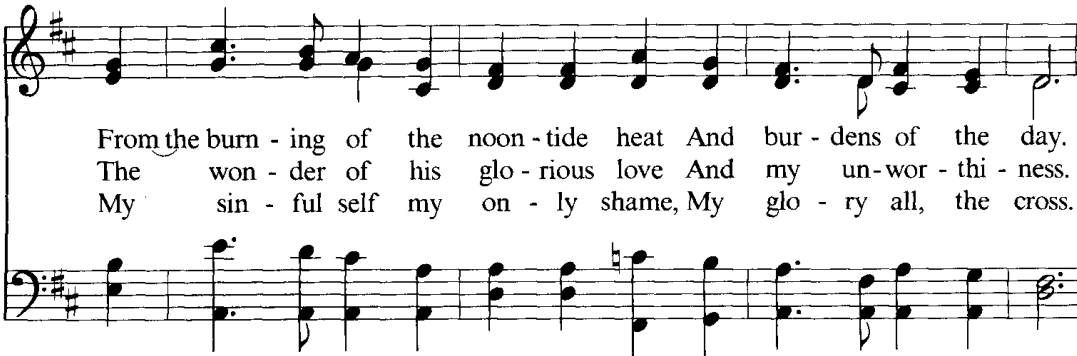
1 Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land,
 The ver - y dy - ing form of one Who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his face;



A home with-in a wil - der - ness, A rest up-on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess:
 Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And bur - dens of the day.
 The won - der of his glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.
 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all, the cross.

JESUS CHRIST

147 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

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 near when I am dy - ing, O show Thy cross to me!

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 pi - ty with - out end?
And, for my suc - cor fly - ing, come, Lord, to set me free.

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,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from Thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call Thee mine.
look on me with Thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for Thee.
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in Thy love.

WORDS: Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th cent.; German tr. Paul Gerhardt, 1656

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English tr. James W. Alexander, 1830

MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; adapt. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

LENT

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Were You There

E^b B^b E^b

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you
 4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you

Gm Cm B^b E^b B^b E^b A^b B^b E^b

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,
 there when God raised him from the tomb? Oh,

A^b E^b A^bdim Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b

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

A^b E^b Cm⁷ B^b6 B^b7 Cm Gm B^b7 E^b

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

Text: Negro spiritual, alt.
Tune: Negro spiritual

WERE YOU THERE
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