

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Father forgive, and so forgiveness flows;
Flows from the very wound our hatred makes,
Flows through the taunts, the curses and the blows,
Flows through our wasted world, a healing spring,
Welling and cleansing, washing all the marks
Away, the scores and scars of every wrong.*

Forgiveness flows to where we need it most:
Right in the pit and smithy of our sin,
Just where the dreadful nails are driven in,
Just where our woundedness has done its worst.
We know Your cry of pain should be a curse,
Yet turn to You and find we have been blessed.
We know not what we do, but Heaven knows
For every sin on earth, forgiveness flows.

FATHER FORGIVE, MALCOLM GUTE (b. 1957)

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 7, 2023

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE



The Prelude

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship – Romans 5:8; Revelation 5:12 Rev. Michael Howell
(congregation reads bold type)

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain,
to receive power, and wealth, and wisdom, and might,
and honor, and glory, and blessing!**

Let us worship God.

•† The Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This?* *(see page 6)*

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

† *Indicates the congregation standing*

• *Indicates seating for those detained*

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Homily

WHAT A FOOL BELIEVES

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prayer of Response

Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving embrace: so clothe us in Your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know You to the knowledge and love of You; for the honor of Your Name. Amen.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL “He that eateth My bread lifted up his heel against Me.”

The Reading – Matthew 26:20-25; 30-56; Psalm 41:7-10

Mr. Howell

The Hymn of Response – *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?*

(see page 7)

(stanzas 1-3)

The First Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF REJECTION “They hated Me without cause.”

The Reading – John 15:18-27

Ruling Elder Mark Anderson, III

The Response – Psalm 35:1-3 [in unison]

**Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me!
Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help!
Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers!
Say to my soul, “I am your salvation!”**

The Second Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF TRIAL “Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!”

The Reading – John 18:33-19:16; Psalm 64:1-6

Ruling Elder Todd Parsons

The Hymn of Response – *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?* (see page 7)
(stanzas 4-5)

The Third Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF MOCKING “They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.”

The Reading – Matthew 27:24-31

Mr. Anderson

The Hymn of Response – *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* (see page 8)

The Fourth Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF THE CRUCIFIXION “They divided My outer garments among them.”

The Reading – John 19:17-24

Mr. Howell

The Hymn of Response – *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

(see page 9)

The Fifth Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF DARKNESS “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

The Reading – Matthew 27:45-49

Mr. Parsons

The Response – Psalm 69:13-21

**But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love,
answer me in Your saving faithfulness.
Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
or the pit close its mouth over me.
Answer me, O Lord, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.
Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress;
make haste to answer me.
Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!
You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor;
my foes are all known to You.
Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.
They gave me poison for food,
and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.**

The Sixth Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF DEATH “Not a bone of Him shall be broken.”

The Reading – John 19:28-37; Psalm 22:1-15

Mr. Cooper

SILENCE

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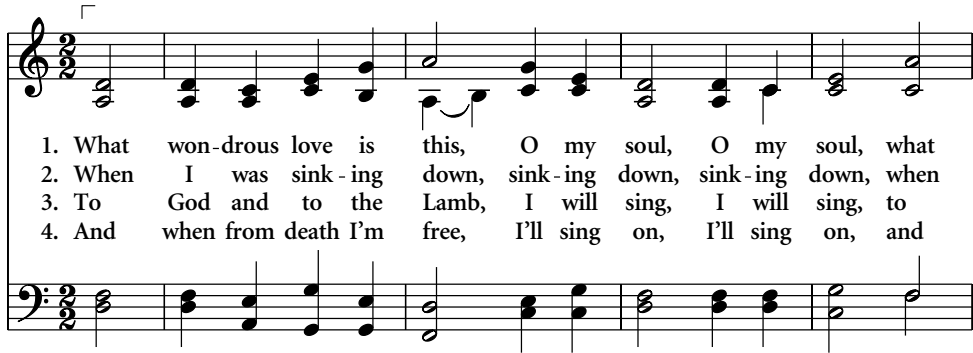
The Response

Were You There?

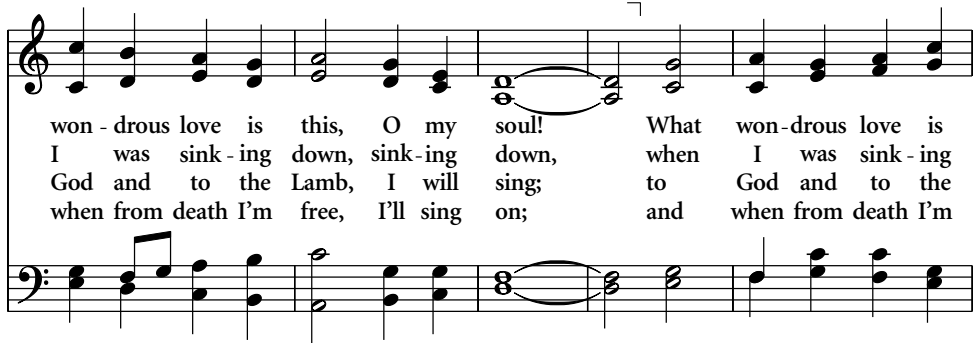
Mr. Fred Johnson

The Tolling of the Bell and the Departure in Silence

What Wondrous Love Is This



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



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



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
down be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



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!

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov-'reign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!
3. Well might the sun in dark-ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The music is a simple harmonic setting of the lyrics, with chords and single notes. There are fermatas over the first and fourth measures of the upper staff.

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un-known! And love be - yond de - gree!
when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The upper staff continues the melody, ending with a fermata over the final measure. The lower staff provides the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the upper staff.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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,

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?

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,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, 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 to thee.

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the North Lawn
(in Trinity Hall in the event of inclement weather)
Homily by The Reverend Dr. Richard Pratt

Easter Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. in Trinity Hall
Sermon by The Reverend Dr. Richard Pratt
Music by the Chancel Choir, brass, and organ

NO EVENING VESPERS



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