



THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Lord! I am sorely grieved that I love You so little;
that my affections move so slowly towards You.
Stir up my languid desires. Inflammé my cold affections.
Set my whole soul on fire with holy love.
How painful, that I should be so little affected by the agony and bloody sweat,
the cross and passion, of my suffering Redeemer!
Why is not my soul all on fire, when I think of Your love?
Why is it not melted into tears, when I think of my dying Savior?
Am I harder than the adamantine rock?
Am I colder than the northern ice?
Lord, smite my rocky heart with the rod of Your loving kindness.
Dissolve my frozen affections, by the melting beams of Your grace.
O! Blessed Jesus! I praise You for such infinite love,
such abounding grace to the chief of sinners!

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Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 29, 2024 • 7:00 P.M.

The Homily

THISTLES AND WEEDS

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prayer Response (*in unison*)

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 who ate My bread has lifted his heel against Me.”

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

Rev. Clark

The Hymn Response No. 197

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended? (stanzas 1-3)

The First Candle is Extinguished

SILENCE

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

The Reading – John 15:18-27

Ruling Elder Thomas Govan

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 Fred Johnson

The Anthem

Out of the Deep (Psalm 130)

John Rutter

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:

O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for Him, and in His Word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch,

I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:

And with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

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. Govan

The Hymn Response No. 197

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended? (stanzas 4-5)

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

SILENCE

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

The Reading – John 19:17-24

Rev. Clark

The Hymn Response No. 190

PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF DARKNESS “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

The Reading – Matthew 27:45-49

Mr. Johnson

The Response – Psalm 69:13-21 (*in unison*)

**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 one of His bones will be broken.”

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

Rev. Cooper

The Christ Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

The Strepitus

The Response

Were You There?
Thomas Govan, *soloist*

WERE YOU THERE

The Tolling of the Bell and the Departure in Silence

EASTER SUNDAY AT TRINITY



SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the South Lawn

In case of inclement weather

the Sunrise Service will be held in Trinity Hall

Homily by the Reverend Bill Clark

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Served immediately following the Sunrise Service in Trinity Hall

All are welcome!

MORNING WORSHIP

Easter Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir with trumpeter Michael Huff

Overflow seating provided in Trinity Hall

Sermon by the Reverend Kurt Cooper

NO EVENING VESPERS

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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