

GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

APRIL 3, 2026 • 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Montgomery, Alabama



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THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*In Him I have an offering, an altar, a temple, a priest, a sun, a shield, a Savior, a Shepherd,
a hiding place, a resting place, food, medicine, riches, honor, wisdom, righteousness, holiness;
in short, everything.*

JOHN NEWTON (1725-1807)

ANGLICAN CLERIC, HYMN WRITER, AND SLAVERY ABOLITIONIST

The Prelude *Chorale* Georg Kauffmann

The Chiming of the Hour

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 118:22-24 (*congregation reads bold type*) Rev. Michael Howell

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

•† The Hymn No. 190 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

† The Prayer of Invocation Rev. Howell

† 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

The Homily

One Last Breath

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prayer Response (*in unison*)

**O God, whose only-begotten Son followed the way of faith and duty
even to the crown of thorns and the cross:
Forbid, O God, that we should forget amid our earthly comforts,
the pain and mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation.
Grant us this day a true vision of all that He suffered
in His betrayal, His lonely agony, His false trial, His mocking and scourging,
and the torture of death upon the cross.
As You have given Yourself utterly for us,
may we give ourselves entirely to You, O Jesus Christ,
our only Lord and Savior. 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. Michael Howell

The Anthem

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain:
that morn shall tearless be.

The First Candle is Extinguished

SILENCE

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

The Reading – John 15:18-27

Elder Fred Johnson

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

Elder Tim Howe

The Hymn Response No. 198

REDHEAD 76

Go to Dark Gethsemane (stanzas 1-3)

The Third Candle is Extinguished

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF MOCKING “They Gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall.”

The Reading – Matthew 27:24-31

Mr. Johnson

The Hymn Response No. 214

MARTYRDOM

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

SILENCE

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

The Reading – John 19:17-24

Mr. Howe

The Hymn Response No. 192

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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

Rev. Howell

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. Kurt Cooper

The Christ Candle Is Extinguished

SILENCE

The Strepitus*

The Response

Were You There?
Mr. Fred Johnson, *soloist*

WERE YOU THERE

The Tolling of the Bell and the Departure in Silence

**The strepitus [Latin] is a loud noise symbolizing
the earthquake that took place at the time
of Jesus' death (Matthew 27:51).*

Leading In Worship

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

Mr. Tim Howe, *Ruling Elder*

Mr. Fred Johnson, *Ruling Elder*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist and Music Associate*

Mr. George Gichero, *oboe*

EASTER SUNDAY AT TRINITY



SUNRISE SERVICE

6:00 a.m. in Trinity Park*

*In case of inclement weather the Sunrise Service
will be held in Trinity Hall.*

Homily by Mr. Andrew Mingus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Trinity Hall

Served immediately following the Sunrise Service – all are welcome!

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

*Music by the Chancel Choir and soloists
with organ, trumpet, and timpani.*

Sermon by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 a.m.

**Nursery (ages 3 months to pre-K) is provided for all services
except for the Sunrise Service.*

NO EVENING VESPERS ON EASTER SUNDAY

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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