

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Good Friday Tenebrae Service • April 7, 2023 • 7:00 PM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (6:50 PM)

“The greatest note of triumph ever sounded in the ears of a startled universe was that sounded on the Cross of Christ— “It is finished!”

- Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We can truly share only in a limited measure the suffering of others. We are not Christ.

Many: But if we want to be Christians it means that we are to take part in Christ’s greatness of heart,

One: In the responsible action that in freedom seizes the hour and faces the danger,

Many: And in the true sympathy that springs forth not from fear but from Christ’s freeing and redeeming love for all who suffer.

One: We confess that we have chosen ease over the cost of discipleship, indolence over action,

Many: We have turned away from injustice, all the while knowing that Christ’s hands and feet are our own.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

INVOCATION PRAYER

FIRST READING

JOHN 18:1-9

HYMN No. 346

“Where He Leads Me I Will Follow”

NORRIS

I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

SECOND READING

JOHN 18:12-14

HYMN No. 200

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

THIRD READING

JOHN 18:15, 17-18, 25-27

HYMN No. 200

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down;
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

FOURTH READING**JOHN 18:28-32****HYMN No. 196**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

TOPLADY

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned,
 O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
 Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

FIFTH READING**JOHN 18:33-38****HYMN**

“Where He Leads Me I Will Follow”

NORRIS

I'll go with Him thro' the judgment, I'll go with Him thro' the judgment,
 I'll go with Him thro' the judgment, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,
 where he leads me I will follow, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

SIXTH READING**JOHN 19:1-6****HYMN No. 202**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

What thou, O Christ, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
 mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
 look on me with thy favor, and keep me in thy grace.

SEVENTH READING**JOHN 19:16-20****HYMN No. 195**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

EIGHTH READING**JOHN 19:28-30, MATTHEW 27:51**

Our service ends in darkness and silence. Please maintain that silence as you depart, whenever you are ready.