



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Good Friday  
March 29, 2024 | 7:30 pm

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## Tenebrae: Service of the Shadows

ORGAN PRELUDE – O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross, BWV 622  
("O mankind, mourn your great sins")

*J. S. Bach*

\*PROCESSION IN SILENCE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 53:1,4-5)

*One:* Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

*All:* **Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases.**

*One:* He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

*All:* **And by his bruises we are healed.**

*One:* Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 221 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Tune: Passion Chorale*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*One:* Merciful God, we meet each other today at the foot of the cross, as inhabitants of one world. We wait with each other as those who inflict wounds on one another:

*All:* **Be merciful to us.**

*One:* As those who deny justice to others:

*All:* **Be merciful to us.**

*One:* As those who put our trust in power:

*All:* **Be merciful to us.**

One: As those who are greedy:

All: **Be merciful to us.**

One: As those who refuse to receive:

All: **Be merciful to us.**

One: As those who are afraid of the world's torment:

All: **Be merciful to us.**

One: Jesus, Lamb of God,

All: **Be merciful to us. Amen.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Peter 2:24)**

One: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

All: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 22**

(O.T. pages 473– 474)

**ANTHEM – The Tree of Life**

*James Biery*

The tree of life with every good, In Eden's holy orchard stood.  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet, God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew, Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned, Against whose eating God had warned.

The stillness of that sacred grove, Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile, And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath, Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed, Within the world so newly made.

What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by his grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need –  
For on a tree uplifted high, His only Son for sin would die  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread, To crush the ancient serpent's head!

Now from that tree of Jesus' shame, Flows life eternal in his name;  
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet, The Lord invites the world to eat.  
To find within this cross of wood, The tree of life with every good. (Stephen P. Starke)

**GOSPEL READING – John 18: 1 – 5a**

(N.T. pages 105 – 106)

**HOMILY**

Jasmine Smart

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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, forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM – Solus ad victimam**

*Kenneth Leighton*

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.  
For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?  
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds,  
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?  
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, That very suffering may thy mercy win.  
This is the night of tears, the three days' space, Sorrow abiding of the eventide,  
Until the daybreak with the risen Christ, And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.  
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, That they may sharers of thy glory be;  
Heavy the weeping may the three days pass, To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.  
(Peter Abelard, tr. Helen Waddell)

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

**THE ARREST – John 18: 1 – 22**

(N.T. page 105)

**ANTHEM – Et incarnatus est (from Missa Sancti Nicolai)**

*Joseph Haydn*

(God) was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
And became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried. (sung in Latin)

**PETER'S DENIAL – John 18: 15 – 18, 25 – 26**

(N.T. page 106)

**HYMN 218 – Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Tune: Herzliebster Jesu*

**THE TRIAL – John 18: 28 – 40**

(N.T. page 106)

ANTHEM – O vos omnes

Tomás Luis de Victoria

O all you that pass by the way, look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.  
(sung in Latin)

JESUS BEFORE PILATE – John 19: 1 – 16

(N.T. page 107)

ANTHEM – I Believe

Philip Moore

I believe in the Sun, even when it's not shining.  
I believe in Love, even when I feel it not.  
I believe in God, even when he is silent.

THE CRUCIFIXION – John 19: 17 – 30

(N.T. page 107)

HYMN 228 – Were You There

Tune: *Were You There*

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed them to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

THE STREPITUS

DISMISSAL IN SILENCE

**Participating in Worship:** Jeff Lincicome, Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, Howard Hill, liturgists; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir, James Biery, director; Dan Maslanka, percussion; Don Ditmars, carillon

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