



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Good Friday

March 30, 2018 at 7:30 pm

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Please silence your cellular telephones.

INTROIT

The Reproaches (1993)

*John Sanders
(1933-2003)*

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your savior to the cross.

O my people ...

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty: but you led your savior to the cross.

Holy is God ...

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your savior's side with a lance.

Holy is God ...

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.

O my people ...

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

O my people ...

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

O my people ...

*– Ancient text from the Liturgy for Good Friday,
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: Surely he has borne our griefs

People: And carried our sorrows;

Pastor: Yet we esteemed him stricken,

People: Smitten by God, and afflicted.

Pastor: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,

People: Even death on a cross.

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

*Let all who are able stand.

*PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE (*unison*)

Dr. Springsted

**Forbid, O God, that we should forget,
amid our earthly comforts,
the pains and mortal anguish
that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation.**

**Grant us a true vision of all that he suffered
in betrayal, lonely agony,
false trial, mocking and scourging,
and the torture of death upon the cross.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
as you have fully given yourself for us,
may we give ourselves fully to you.**

This we ask in your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Choral

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

John 12:27-36

The Light

Elder Curtis L. Field

Matthew 26:1-5

The Plotting Begins

Beverly A. Bartlett

Matthew 26:6-13

Anointed for Death

Christina A. Cosby

Mark 14:12-16

Preparation for Passover

Dr. Springsted

John 13:21-30

Judas Identified

Mr. Field

Matthew 26:30-35

The Scattered Flock

Ms. Bartlett

Mark 14:32-42

Sleeping Through the Agony

Ms. Cosby

Mark 14:43-46

The Kiss of Betrayal

Dr. Springsted

Luke 22:54-62

Peter's Denial

Mr. Field

Luke 23:13-25

The Crowd's Denial

Ms. Bartlett

SOLO

From *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief. (*Isaiah 53:3*)

Desirée Baxter, alto

Mark 15:16-20
Matthew 27:33-44

The Soldiers' Abuse
The Crucifixion

Mr. Field
Ms. Bartlett

ANTHEM

Were You There?

African-American Spiritual,
arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Mark 15:33-39

Forsaken by God

Ms. Cosby

REPROACHES FROM THE CROSS

Dr. Springsted

Pastor: ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord God, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

From *The Crucifixion* (1887)

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (*John 3:16-17*)

DISMISSAL

Luke 2:29-35

Dr. Springsted

TOLLING OF THE BELL

The bell is tolled 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life.

*The congregation will be dismissed by the ushers, beginning with those in the front pews.
You are asked to leave the Sanctuary in silence.*

*Those wishing to make an offering may do so at the rear of the church as you depart.
The offering received today will support MAPC's Charles Amstein Pastoral Care Fund.*

**EASTER DAY – April 1
9 & 11:15 am**

Festival Services of Word and Sacrament

“Afraid and Amazed”

The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted, preaching

Music for Organ, Trumpets & Timpani

Choral Music by Paul Halley,

George Frideric Handel & Ralph Vaughan Williams

Pastoral Staff

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