



Behold. The Darkness.

**Welcome to
Immanuel**

Good Friday

March 29th 2024

7:00pm

Our thanks to those performing in worship for Good Friday:

Members of the ILC Chamber Orchestra:

<i>Violin I</i>	<i>Flute</i>	<i>Timpani</i>
Rachel Sloane	Fjoralba Mukollari	Kaia Szulewski
<i>Violin II</i>	<i>Oboe</i>	<i>Percussion</i>
Marika Basagoitia	Sam Moffett	Simon Bacher
<i>Viola</i>	<i>English Horn</i>	
Sam Omalyev	Jim Thoensen	
<i>Cello</i>	<i>Bassoon</i>	
Hannah Alexander	Anastasia Miller	
<i>Contrabass</i>		
Kevin Callaghan		

Music from the ILC Adult Choir:

Vocalists	Julie Yapoujian, Karie Neville, and Bruce Grogan
Organist & Choir Director	Oyeniran Oyedeji

Our thanks to those who served in worship for Good Friday:

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Ryan
Presiding Minister	Bruce Pflieger
Acolyte/Crucifer	Ani Yapoujian
Lectors	Joe Bacher, Jeri Surovy, and Greg Tausch
Ushers	Jim Heimbuecher and Geoffrey Lagas
A/V Technicians	(A) Joel Wardenburg and Micah Chen (V) Megan Hollrah
Altar Guild	Claire Roehl and Deb Lahr

Service of Tenebrae

The Service of Tenebrae is an ancient Holy Week devotion that dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. The word “Tenebrae” is from the Latin, and it means “shadows” or “darkness.” As the liturgy progresses, candles are extinguished one by one to remind the hearer of the darkness that covered the earth as Jesus hung on the cross, the darkness of the hearts of those who rejected Jesus as the Son of Man, and the gradual death He suffered on the cross. Then, in the final moments, the Christ Candle is removed and processed out of the worship space. During this time, the strepitus is heard, a loud sound indicating the closing of the tomb. At this time, the Christ Candle is returned to its place in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Preludes

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” arr. Wilbur Held
“Prelude on ‘Were You There’” David Lasky

stand

Hymn of Preparation

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

P We gather before God, remembering the cross in sorrow and in shame. We seek His forgiveness, strength, and mercy. We remember the day of our Savior’s death. We mourn and struggle to understand the depth of Christ’s love—that He should suffer and die in our place. Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the terror of His crucifixion, knowing full well that we are guilty sinners, in need of Your forgiveness, life, and salvation.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have failed to strive against evil in the world.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have denied our Lord.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have betrayed our Lord.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins. Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us forgiveness. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior Jesus Christ, announce His grace and mercy to You. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Homily

Offering

"Robe of Calvary"

*Kathleen Twomey, Fred White, Robert St. Clair, and Elaine Rivers
Karie Neville, Soprano*

Stand

Bidding Prayer

A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers we offer before You for all Your servants in Your Holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially, our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's Holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



Presentation of the Cross

- P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.
C O come, let us worship Him.
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A Time of Silence

Hymn of Assurance

The Power of the Cross *CCLI Song #4490766*

1. Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.
3. Now the daylight flees, Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two; dead are raised to life—
Finished the vict'ry cry

Refrain:

This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Refrain

4. Oh to see my name Written in the wounds;
For through Your suff'ring I am free;
Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

Final Refrain:

This, the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a life, what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross. (Repeat)

2. Oh to see the pain Written on Your face;
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Refrain

Prelude to Behold the Darkness

ILC Chamber Orchestra

† Call to Worship †

- P** On this night, we remember that Christ, the Lamb of God, was betrayed, given over to His enemies, mocked, beaten and crucified. All of this...for you. All of this...for me. Listen now and be reminded of how great a gift of love He offers us.
- C** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:14-17

I. God So Loved the World

ILC Adult Choir

The Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

The first candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:31-35

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

II. What Wondrous Love Is This

ILC Adult Choir

The congregation joins on stz. 2 of LSB 543

2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -
 neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.

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The Shadow of Lethargy

Mark 14:32-41

³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

The second candle is extinguished.

III. Go to Dark Gethsemane

ILC Adult Choir

The Shadow of Violence

Matthew 26:47-52

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

The third candle is extinguished.

IV. Ah, Holy Jesus

ILC Adult Choir

The Shadow of Denial

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Cynicism

John 18:33-38

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.

V. O Love Divine

ILC Adult Choir

The Shadow of Irresponsibility

Matthew 27:20-26

²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

VI. O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Julie Yapoujian, Soprano Soloist

congregation sings on stz. 3 of LSB 449

3 What lan-guage shall I bor-row To thank Thee, dear-est Friend,
For this Thy dy-ing sor-row, Thy pit-y with-out end?
O make me Thine for-ev-er! And should I faint-ing be,
Lord, let me nev-er, nev-er, Out-live my love for Thee.

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The Shadow of Mockery

Mark 15:16-20

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

VII. Were You There

Bruce Grogan, Tenor Soloist

The Prophecy of the Resurrection

Mark 8:31

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

VIII. It Is Finished

ILC Adult Choir

Responsive Prayer

- P** For the gift and grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior
- C** we give thanks.
- P** For the blessing and breadth of God's great love toward us
- C** we give thanks.
- P** For the challenge and comfort of the cross
- C** we give thanks.
- P** For the power and presence of His abiding Spirit
- C** we give thanks.

The Christ Candle Recesses

The Strepitus

IX. Behold the Savior

ILC Adult Choir

The Christ Candle Returns

The congregation departs in silence and minimal light.





Join Immanuel for Easter

March 31st at 9am

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

**Everyone is invited to Easter Brunch after
Easter service in the Family Life Center.**

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