

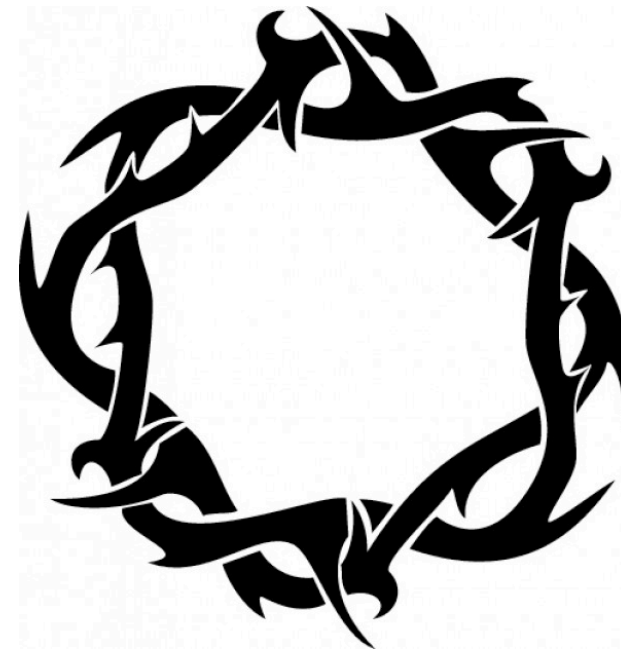
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Good Friday: A Tenebrae Service

March 29, 2024

7 p.m.



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We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

We welcome all to the community of Jesus:
 to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

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Welcome

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Responsive Reading

Psalm 22

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come.

During the day I call you you, my God, but you do not answer;

I call at night, but get no rest.

All: But you are enthroned as the Holy One, the one whom Israel praises.

One: Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted you, and you saved them.

They called to you and escaped from danger;

they trusted you and were not disappointed.

All: But I am not human; I am a worm, despised and scorned by everyone.

One: All who see me make fun of me; they stick out their tongues and shake their heads.

“You relied on the Lord,” they say. “Why doesn’t he save you?”

If the Lord likes you, why doesn’t he help you?”

All: My strength is gone, gone like water spilled on the ground.

One: All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax.

My throat is as dry as dust, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.

**All: It was you who brought me safely through birth;
when I was a baby, you kept me safe.**

One: I have relied on you since the day I was born, and you have always been my God.

Do not stay away from me! Trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

Come quickly to my rescue!

All: I will tell my people what you have done; I will praise you in their assembly.

One: “Praise the Lord, you servants of the Lord! Worship him and honor him!

For he does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering.

All: He does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for help.”

Reflective Reading

from ***The Holy No***

- Adam Hearlson

For Me

- Herb Fromberg

Scripture Readings

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14

Matthew 27:27-31

He Never Said a Mumblin’ Word

Scripture Readings

Matthew 27:32-37

Matthew 27:38-44

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Reflection

Simon the Cyrenian Speaks

- Countee Cullen

Hymn

Were You There?

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Reflection

The Haunted Oak

- Paul Laurence Dunbar

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:45-56

One: Beloved, this is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Darkness and Silence

Please remain seated until the house lights are restored;
and then depart in silence.

Depart in Silence