Why have you forsaken me?
By Lauren Wright Pittman

*A Sanctified Art*

Good Friday Worship
Tenebrae Service
April 7, 2023
7:00 pm

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Dianna Tomisek & Teagan Manning

*Opening Sentences*

One: There really is nothing good about it.

All: There is no good in violence, in fear, in injustice, in cruelty.

One: Yet we call this day ‘good’ because God was there that day;

All: We call this day ‘good’ because God is here this day.

One: Knowing that God is with us, let us have courage to hear this terrible story once again.

All: And let us worship God.

*Hymn 216 v 1-2*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
v. 1 Choir only, v. 2 Congregation

ST. CHRISTOPHER
Call to Confession
One: When we seek God’s mercy, we draw close to the mystery of faith: love that cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer.

Prayer of Confession
All: Ever-present God, on this Good Friday night, our whole world is engulfed in shadows as we remember the story of Jesus’ death. We confess that we want to push the fast-forward button on this familiar story because it hurts so much.

It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath. It hurts to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the world. But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there: The pain of the world, of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice. Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and us, to witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness and Love.

We confess, we are afraid to enter this pain with Jesus. Strengthen us with your courage; offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death; let us know you are present with us here in this moment of pain; now as always.

Assurance of God’s Grace
One: Beloved followers of Jesus, it is okay to feel hurt and uncomfortable as you enter into this story and imagine your place in it. Know that God meets you in the story, with comfort as well as challenge; with courage as well as love.

*Sung Response 602
Holy Lamb of God
YA HAMALALLAH

Arrest in the Garden
John 18:1-12
Stan Cook
Hymn 220 v 1, 2
Go to Dark Gethsemane
REDHEAD 76

Denial
John 18:15-18, 25-27
Pat Garner
Hymn 218 v 1, 2
Ah, Holy Jesus
v 1 All  v 2 Choir
HERZLIEBSTER JESU
The Trial
John 18:28-31, 33-40
Wayne Leopold, Larry Schulz

Hymn 221 v 1, 2, 3
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
v 1 & 2 All v 3 Choir only

The Verdict
John 19:1-16a
Kelly Bufton

Hymn 223 v 1
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Crucifixion
John 19:16b-30
Liz Monson

Hymn 223 v 3
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Reflection
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Hymn 223 v 4
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Burial
John 19:38 – 42
Gregg Morton

Hymn 228 v 1, 2, 5
Were You There
v 1 & 2 All v 5 Barbie Polus, soloist

Silence is kept

We depart in silence, contemplating the death of Jesus.
There is no benediction this evening so that we may remain in
a worshipful state of mind throughout Holy Saturday and
until we gather again on Easter morning.

USHER: Wendy Cook
READERS: Kelly Bufton, Stan Cook, Pat Garner, Wayne Leopold, Liz Monson, Gregg Morton, Larry Schulz
VOCAL SOLOIST: Barbie Polus
ONLINE HOST: Stephanie Rens-Domiano
AV: Robert Monson, Tristan Rush
REMOVING LITURGICAL SYMBOLS & SHROUDING: Dianna Tomisek, Teagan Manning, Todd Tomisek
Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Worship
Celebration of Resurrection and Communion

7:00 am Sunrise Worship in the garden, in person only
7:45 am Continental Breakfast, Gathering Room
9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary,
in person & livestream
Before and after worship: Walk the Easter story in the Garden

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