

Setauket Presbyterian Church

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Tenebrae Service

8:00PM

As we recall the events of Good Friday, this service moves from light to darkness. If you would like to participate in the extinguishing of the candles in your home, you are invited to light some candles at the start of the service. The liturgy involves ten candles, but the death of Jesus may be remembered with even one candle lit at the beginning and extinguished at the end.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been here before—

A place of grieving and mourning.

We have been here before—

A night that seems it won't end.

We have been here before—

Knee deep in fear, knee deep in doubt.

We have been here before—

Good Friday, the night Christ died.

So once again, we find ourselves here—

In community, in God's arms.

Where else would we go when the world falls apart?

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, as the shadows lengthen and darkness falls, speak to us once more your solemn message of death and of life. Call to our memory our many transgressions. And look with mercy, we beseech you, on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; our Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Shadow of Gethsemane

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:36-41

The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN 204 Stay With Me

Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are a vocal melody with lyrics: 'Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and'. The next two staves continue the melody with lyrics: 'pray. Watch and pray.'. The music features various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

The Shadow of Betrayal

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:43-46

The second candle is extinguished.

SILENT MEDITATION

The Shadow of Desertion

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26: 69-75

The third candle is extinguished.

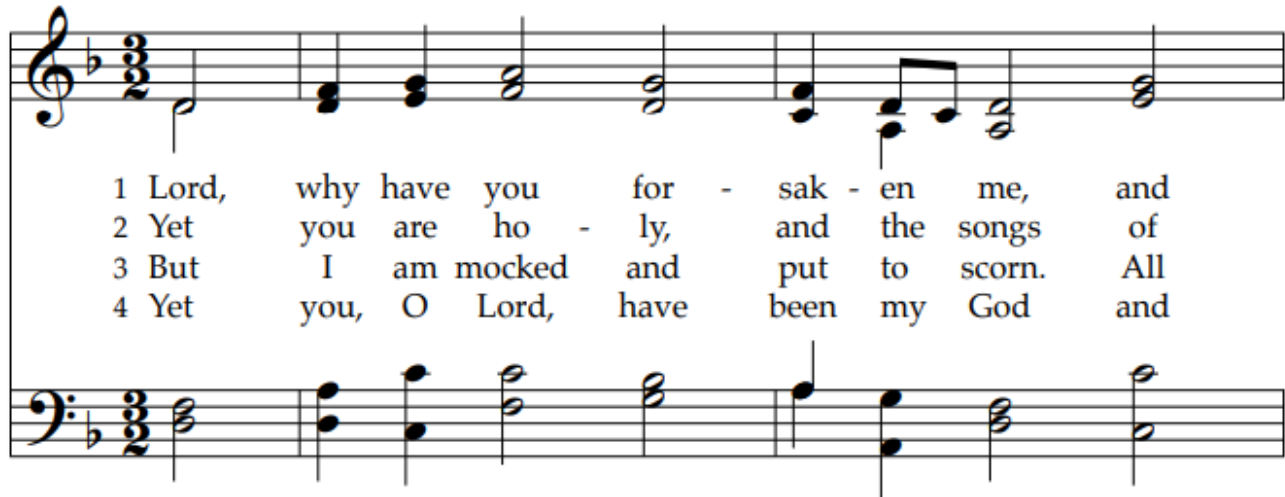
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The Shadow of Judgment

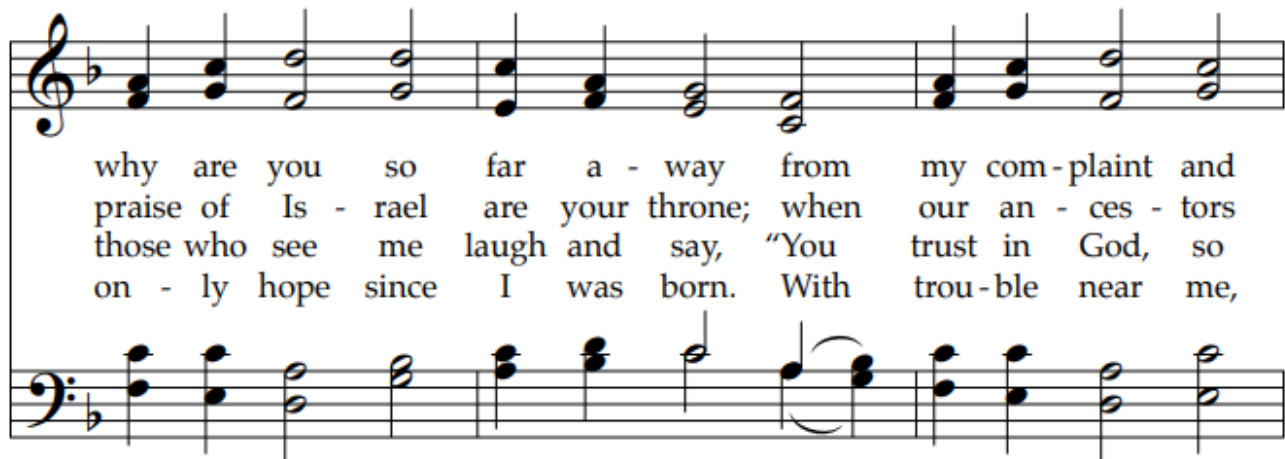
SCRIPTURE Mark 15:1-5, 15

The fourth candle is extinguished.

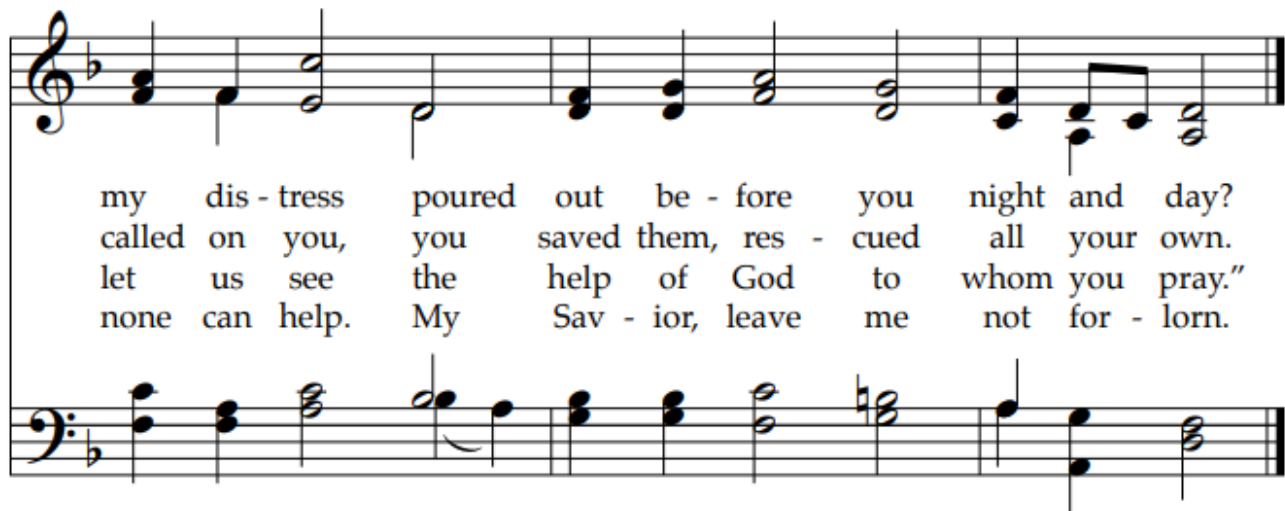
HYMN 210 Why Have You Forsaken Me



1 Lord, why have you for - sak - en me, and
2 Yet you are ho - ly, and the songs of
3 But I am mocked and put to scorn. All
4 Yet you, O Lord, have been my God and



why are you so far a - way from my com - plaint and
praise of Is - rael are your throne; when our an - ces - tors
those who see me laugh and say, "You trust in God, so
on - ly hope since I was born. With trou - ble near me,



my dis - tress poured out be - fore you night and day?
called on you, you saved them, res - cued all your own.
let us see the help of God to whom you pray."
none can help. My Sav - ior, leave me not for - lorn.

The Shadow of Mockery

SCRIPTURE John 19: 1-3

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SILENT MEDITATION

The Shadow of the Crucifixion

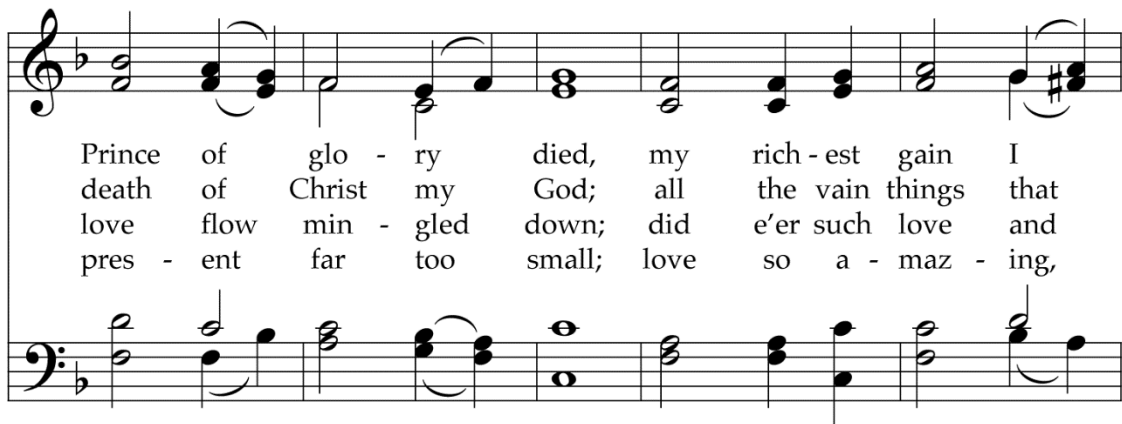
SCRIPTURE John 19:16-22

The sixth candle is extinguished.

HYMN 223: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The Shadow of Love

SCRIPTURE Luke 23: 39-43

The seventh candle is extinguished.

HYMN 227 *Jesus, Remember Me*



The Shadow of Grief

SCRIPTURE: John 19: 25-27

The eighth candle is extinguished.

SILENT MEDITATION

The Shadow of Death

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23: 44-46

The ninth candle is extinguished.

HYMN 220: Go to Dark Gethsemane (verses 1-3)

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The Shadow of the Tomb

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 57-60

The Christ Candle is extinguished.

SILENCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION HYMN 228 *Were You There*

The service concludes in silence.