



Good Friday Tenebrae  
Virtual Worship  
April 2, 2021  
7:30 p.m.

No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
On life's journey,  
You are welcome here.

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"God is closer to suffering than to happiness. To find God in this manner gives  
peace and rest, and a strong and courageous heart."                      Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRELUDE                      *Prelude - Suite 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008*                      J.S. Bach  
   *Sarabande - Suite 3 in C Major, BWV 1009*  
   Hannah Barton, Viola

#### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP    Sarah Garcia

One: In Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord,  
God has come to us,

**All: To share our common lot,  
conquering sin and death.**

One: Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows.

**All: He was wounded for our transgressions  
and bruised for our iniquities.**

One: He was despised and rejected,

**All: A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.**

## HYMN

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 2. How art thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank thee, dear - est Friend,  
 4. Be near when I am dy - ing, O show thy cross to me!

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 How does that vis - age lan - guish Which once was bright as morn!  
 For this thy dy - ing sow - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
 And, for my suc - cor fly - ing, Come, Lord, to set me free.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion Were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 O make me thine for - ev - er, And should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, From thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call thee mine.  
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love to thee.  
 For he who dies be - liev - ing Dies safe - ly in thy love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Jeff Carlson

**Dear God, we confess that we have much in common with the crowds that rejected Jesus when he did not go their way.**

**We have been as faithless as Judas,**

**as indifferent as Pilate,**

**as cowardly as Peter,**

**and as irreverent as the soldiers who gathered at the cross.**

**The weakness and sin of Holy Week and Good Friday have continued in us and our societies, from generation to generation.**

**We, too, need to hear the words of Christ from the cross:**

***Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.***

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN

*Be Still My Soul*

Virtual Chancel Choir

Breanna Coe, director

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Reading of the Passion Story from the Gospels  
and the Extinguishing of the Lights

AGONY IN THE GARDEN

*Choral Response*

*Ave verum corpus*

W.A. Mozart

(sung in Latin)

Chancel Choir

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary.

Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,

Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:

Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus pure, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.

## BETRAYAL AND ARREST

*Congregational Response*

v. 1

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
3. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,

That man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord  
Thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of

- rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.

## TRIAL BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

*Choral Response*

*Sanctus from Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

(Sung in Latin)

Hannah Barton, violin

Chancel Choir

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

PETER'S DENIAL

*Congregational Response*

*See previous response, v. 2*

TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

*Choral Response*

*The Old Rugged Cross*  
Chancel Choir

George Bernard

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
'Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

MOCKERY

*Congregational Response*

*See previous response, v. 3*

THE CRUCIFIXION

*Choral Response*

*God So Loved the World*  
from The Crucifixion

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,  
That whosoever 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.  
God so loved the world . . .  
*John 3: 16-17*

# DEATH ON THE CROSS

## *Congregational Response*

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you  
2. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
there when they laid him in the tomb?

Some - times it cau - ses me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_

# THE BURIAL

# BENEDICTION

*Making a Joyful Sound in the City!*

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ women and men.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, over the past 177 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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## WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,  
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and  
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,  
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and  
we are glad you are here.