



SOTC Worship
March 29, 2024
Good Friday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
And this is the verdict: that the light has come into the world.
And we loved darkness rather than light.

GATHERING SONG

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

ELW 351 (vs. 1-3)

OPENING PRAYER

READING: ISAIAH 53:4-12

In response to the reading:
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW

ELW 345 (vs. 1, 4)

SERVICE OF DARKNESS

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

READING: JOHN 18:1-11

REFLECTION

Two stones are placed in the chancel area. A chime rings once and a candle is extinguished.

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

READING: JOHN 18:12-27

REFLECTION

Two stones are placed in the chancel area. A chime rings once and a candle is extinguished.

HYMN

AH, HOLY JESUS

ELW 349 (vs. 1-2)

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

READING: JOHN 18:28-38A

REFLECTION

Two stones are placed in the chancel area. A chime rings once and a candle is extinguished.

HYMN

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

ELW 347 (vs. 1-2)

THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY

READING: JOHN 18:38B-19:16A

REFLECTION

Congregation is invited to place their stones in the chancel area. After all stones have been placed, a chime rings once and a candle is extinguished.

THE SHADOW OF SUFFERING

READING: JOHN 19:16B-30

REFLECTION

The funeral pall placed in the chancel area. A chime rings once and a candle is extinguished.

HYMN

WERE YOU THERE

ELW 353 (vs. 1-2)

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

READING: JOHN 19:31-37

REFLECTION

A chime rings once and a candle is extinguished.

As the congregation sings, Christ's cross is brought to the front and laid on the funeral pall.

THE SHADOW OF SECRECY

READING: JOHN 19:38-42

The Christ candle is extinguished and lights on the cross go out as a symbol of Christ's death before hearing the chimes ring 33 times, once for every year of Christ's life, and the sound of the stone sealing Christ's tomb.

WE REFLECT ON CHRIST'S DEATH

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Congregation responds to "but you have prepared a cross for your Savior" with
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Silence for reflection

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us
 Jesus, bearer of our sin and brokenness,
have mercy on us
 Jesus, redeemer of the world.
grant us peace.

We adore you, Lord Jesus, and we bless you.
For by your holy cross, your love has redeemed the world.

All depart in silence. Worship continues on as we gather at the tomb on Easter morning.

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