

C: After two days He will revive us
P: On the third day He will raise us up
C: That we may live before Him
P: Let us press on to know the Lord
C: His going forth is sure as dawn
P: He will come to us as the showers
C: As spring rains that water the earth

HYMN 92 "Were You There" (vs. 1-3)

Depart in peace and wait to see what God can do.

Offering Plates are on the windowsills. There will be no formal offering received in this solemn service.

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IT IS FINISHED

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GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

April 2, 2010

THE VIGIL OF DARKNESS

The Vigil of Darkness is a service dating from the fourth century. The purpose of the service is to remember what God has done for us in the passion of Jesus. Throughout the service candles, symbolizing Jesus life and ministry are extinguished by the forces of darkness. Forces like: jealousy, betrayal, distrust, injustice, denial, rejection, torture, expediency and yes even death are at work to stop God's love. Notice that these forces are really outgrowths of our human "shadows. Shadows which are used for evil purposes can stop the love of God as manifested in Jesus. OR CAN THEY???

A light remains in which we wait and hope.

PRELUDE

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God

C: Let us hold fast our confession

P: For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses

C: But one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin

P: Let us then with confidence draw near the throne of grace

C: That we may receive mercy and final grace to help in time of need

HYMN 117 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

C: He endured suffering and pain

P: No one would even look at Him

C: We ignored Him as if He were nothing

P: But He endured the suffering that should have been OURS

C: The pain that WE should have born

P: All the while we thought that His suffering was punishment sent by God

C: But because of our sins He was wounded

P: Beaten because of the evil we did

C: We are healed by the punishment He suffered

ALL: Made whole by the blows He received

{The candle is extinguished}

***HYMN 123 "Ah, Holy Jesus"**

THE DARKNESS OF EXPEDIENCY

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:4-16 (Pastor Harmon)

PRAYER [In unison] Lord, sometimes we choose the path of self-interest in life rather than follow what you want us to do. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to always remember to follow what you taught, namely that we must "deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow you." AMEN.

{The candle is extinguished}

THE DARKNESS OF DEATH

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:17-30 (Pastor Harmon)

SERMON: "The Devil is in the Details"

THE DARKNESS OF DESPAIR

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:31-42 (Pastor Harmon)

HOSEA 6:1-3 (Read responsively)

P: Come let us return to the Lord

C: For He has torn, that He may heal us

P: he has stricken us and He will bind us up

THE DARKNESS OF JEALOUSY

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:1-17 (Joy Deem)

PRAYER IN UNISON

Lord, forgive the jealousy that lives within us and thrives in our society. Do not let its evil power corrupt us. Instead, let the light of Your love expose the shadow of jealousy, so that we may live controlled by Your Grace. AMEN.

{The candle is extinguished}

THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:18-30 (Joy Deem)

A LITANY OF CONFESSION

P: And Jesus said one of you will betray me.

C: Is it I Lord?

P: When we refuse to love, Lord

C: It is us Lord

P: When we refuse to give our gifts, Lord

C: It is us Lord

P: When we refuse to witness Lord

C: It is us Lord

P: When we refuse to care for each other, Lord

C: It is us Lord

P: When we refuse to listen to You and to trust your word, Lord

C: It is us Lord

P: When we refuse to change our ways in order to conform to your plans for us, Lord

C: It is us Lord

P: When we refuse to make time for You in our life, Lord

C: It is us Lord

P: When we treat You as a God who doesn't care, Lord

C: It is us Lord - who betrayed You

ALL: Please forgive us

{The candle is extinguished}

THE DARKNESS OF DISTRUST

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:31-38 17 (Joy Deem)

PRAYER IN UNISON

In our desire to escape from the struggles of life, we have sought peace of mind and self-comfort rather than obedience to You-Lord. So, we often ignore your plea for us to love one another. Help us Lord, renew our spirits and our flesh, so both are willing and ready to trust in You. AMEN.

{The candle is extinguished}

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 18:1-14 (Joy Deem)

PSALM 17 (Read Responsively)

{The candle is extinguished}

HYMN 109 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs. 1-3)

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THE DARKNESS OF DENIAL

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 18:15-27 (Joy Deem)

PRAYER IN UNISON

Father, sometimes we have remained silent when you need a strong witness. Sometimes we have been more influenced by the crowd's mood than by your love. In other words, Lord, we acknowledge that we and our society too often let fear rule us rather than trusting Your love. Come, Lord, teach us anew to trust your love in all we do, and say. AMEN.

{The candle is extinguished}

THE DARKNESS OF REJECTION & TORTURE

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 18:28 - 19:3 (Joy Deem)

ISAIAH 53:2-5 (Read responsively)

P: It was the will of the Lord that His servant grow like a plant, taking root in the dry ground.

C: He had no dignity or beauty to make us take notice of Him.

P: There was nothing attractive about Him

C: Nothing that would draw us to Him

P: We despised Him and rejected Him