



*A Tenebrae Service of Shadows*

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
Maundy Thursday Worship – A Tenebrae Service  
April 14, 2022, at 7:30 PM  
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Prelude

“Kommt her zu mir! spricht Gottes Sohn”  
“Come to me, says God’s Beloved”  
Prelude for Organ by C.H. Rinck

Approach to God (John 1:1, 1:3-4, 3:16-17, 12:44-46)

In the beginning was the Word,  
the Word was in God’s presence,  
and the Word was present to God  
from the beginning.

Through the Word  
all things came into being,  
and apart from the Word  
nothing came into being  
that has come into being.

In the Word was life,  
and that was humanity’s light—  
a Light that shines in the darkness,  
a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.

Yes, God so loved the world  
as to give the Only Begotten One  
that whoever believes may not die.  
but have eternal life.

Jesus proclaimed publicly:  
“Whoever believes in me  
believes not so much in me  
as the One who sent me;  
and whoever sees me  
sees the One who sent me.



“Rabbi,” Philip said, “show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us.”

<sup>8-13</sup> Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time...and you still don’t know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God.  
How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba’?  
don’t you believe that I am in Abba God and God is in me?  
These words I speak are not spoken of myself;  
it is Abba God, living in me,  
who is accomplishing the works of God.  
The truth of the matter is,  
anyone who has faith in me  
will do the works I do—  
and greater works besides.  
Why? Because I go to Abba God,  
and whatever you ask in my name I will do,  
so that God may be glorified in me.

<sup>16-20</sup> I will ask the One who sent me  
to give you another Paraclete, another Helper  
to be with you always—  
the Spirit of truth,  
whom the world cannot accept  
since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her;  
but you can recognize the Spirit  
because she remains with you  
and will be within you.  
I won’t leave you orphaned;  
I will come back to you.

A little while now and the world will see me no mire;  
but you'll see me;  
because I live,  
and you will live as well.  
On that day you'll know that I am in God,  
and you are in me  
and I am in you."

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" New Century Hymnal #218 1, 3

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,  
that mortal has judgment on you descended?  
By foes derided by your own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,  
your mortal sorrow, your life's oblation,  
your death of anguish and your bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

<sup>36-46</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and said to the disciples, “Stay here and pray.” Jesus took along Peter, James and John and started to feel grief and anguish. Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death. Please, stay here, and stay awake with me.”

Jesus went on a little further and fell prostrate in prayer: “Abba, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. But not what I want – what you want.”

When Jesus returned to the disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you stay awake with me for even an hour? Be on guard, and pray that you may not undergo trial. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

Withdrawing a second time, Jesus prayed, “Abba, if this cup cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will be done!”

Once more Jesus returned and found the disciples asleep; they could not keep their eyes open. Jesus left them again, withdrawing a bit further and prayed for a third time, saying the same words as for before. Finally, Jesus returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping? Still taking your rest? The hour is upon us — the chosen one is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us be on our way! Look, my betrayer is here!”

<sup>47-50</sup> While Jesus was still speaking Judas one of the Twelve arrived — accompanied by a great crowd with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas had arranged to give them a signal, “Whomever I embrace is the one,” he had said; “take hold of him.” He immediately went over to Jesus and said, “Shalom, Rabbi!” And embraced him

Jesus said to Judas, “Friend, just do what you’re here to do!” At that moment the crowd surrounded them and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.



The Chancel Choir

“God So Loved the World”

by John Stainer

*The Shadow of the Denial*

Luke 22:54-62

<sup>54-62</sup> They arrested Jesus and led him away, arriving at the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance and sat down in the midst of those who had kindled a fire in the courtyard and were sitting around it. One of the high priests' attendants saw Peter sitting there at the fire, and she stared at him and said, “This one was with Jesus, too.”

But Peter denied it. “I don't know him!” He said.

A little while later, someone else noticed Peter and remarked, “You're one of them too!”

But Peter said, “No, I am not.”

About an hour later, someone else insisted, “Surely this fellow was with them, too. He even talks like a Galilean.”

“I don't even know what you were talking about!” Peter said.

Just as Peter was still speaking, a rooster crowed.

Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered Jesus saying, “Before a rooster crows today, you'll deny me three times.” Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" New Century Hymnal #226 vs. 1, 3

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown,  
How pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does your visage languish which once was bright as morn!

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend;  
For this your dying sorrow, your pity without end?  
May I be yours forever; and though my days be few,  
O Savior, let me never outlive my love for you!

<sup>1-15</sup> As soon as it was daybreak the chief priests, the elders and religious scholars in the whole Sanhedrin reached a decision. They bound Jesus and led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, who interrogated him. "Are you the King of the Jews?" He asked.

Jesus responded, "You are the one who is saying it."

The chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate interrogated Jesus again: "Surely you have some answer? See how many accusations they are leaving against you!" But to Pilate's astonishment, Jesus made no response.

Now whenever there was a festival, Pilate would release one prisoner they asked for. There was a prisoner named Barabbas who was jailed along with the rioters who had committed murder in the uprising. When the crowd came to ask that Pilate honor the custom, Pilate rejoined, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews? "Pilate was aware, of course, that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. But the chief priests incited the crowd to have him release Barabbas instead. Pilate again asked them, "What am I to do with the one you call king of the Jews?"

The people shouted back, "Crucify him!"

"Why?" Pilate asked. "What crime has he committed?"

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them, and, after having Jesus scourged, handed him over to the crowd.

Chancel Choir      “O Come and Mourn”

Early American Tune,  
arranged by Hal Hopson

*The Shadow of Mockery*

Matthew 27:27-31

<sup>27-31</sup> The governor’s soldiers took Jesus inside the Praetorian and assembled the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and wrapped him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they pressed it on his head and stuck a reed in his right hand. Then they began to mock Jesus by dropping to their knees, saying, “All hail, King of the Jews . They also spat upon him. Afterwards they took hold of the reed and struck Jesus on the head. Finally, when they had finished mocking him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes and led him off to crucifixion.

Hymn      Journey to Gethsemane      New Century Hymnal #219 v. 2

Follow them to Pilate's hall, view the One of life arraigned;  
Crowned with thorns and mocked by all, faithfully this pain sustained;  
Greater still than shame or loss; Jesus now must face the cross.

<sup>32-43</sup> Two others were also led off with Jesus, criminals who were to be put to death. When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus – together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Abba, forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.” Then the soldiers divided his garments, rolling dice for them.

The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said, “If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was an inscription atop the cross, over Jesus’ head that read: “This is the king of the Jews.” (INRI - Iēsus Nazarēnus, Rēx Iūdaeōrum)

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, saying “Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself — and us!”

But the other answered the first with the rebuke, “Don’t you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.”

Jesus replied, “The truth is, today you’ll be with me in paradise!”

Chancel Choir: “At the Cross Her Station Keeping” by Dale Wood

The Shadow of the Death

Mark 15:33-39

<sup>33-39</sup> When noon came, darkness fell on the whole countryside and lasted until about three in the afternoon. At three, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “ Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani? ” which means, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” A few of the bystanders who heard it remarked, “Listen! He is calling on Elijah!” Someone ran and soaked a sponge in sour wine and stuck it on a reed to try to make Jesus drink, saying, “Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down.” Then Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion who stood guard over Jesus, seeing how he died, declared, “ Clearly, this was God’s Own!”

Chancel Choir “Lest We Forget”

Words by Mary Kay Beall;

Music Composed by Charles Yannerella

The Christ Candle is Removed

The Shadow of Burial

John 19:38-42

<sup>38-42</sup> After this, Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus—but a secret one, for fear of the Temple authorities—asked Pilate for permission to remove the body of Jesus, and Pilate granted it. So, Joseph came and took it away. Nicodemus came as well—the same one who had first come to Jesus by night—and he brought about one hundred pounds of spices, a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the Jewish burial custom. There was a garden in the place where Jesus had been crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb where no one had ever been buried. Since it was the day before the Sabbath and the tomb was nearby, they buried Jesus there.

Solo

Were You There?

Karen Maust, Soloist



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*Please remain in the Sanctuary if you wish to pray or meditate following this evening's service.*

When you are ready, you are invited to join us in the Vestry for a time of repast and community.

*Good Friday*

Our Sanctuary will be open from Noon – 3:00 PM for quiet prayer and meditation.

*Easter Sunday*

Sunrise Meditation on the Great South Bay  
Sayville Ferry, 41 River Road, Free Parking  
We depart the dock at 5:45 A.M. Sharp

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.

Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn following worship  
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