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Good Friday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 19 APRIL 2019 ◆

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE – Christus, der ist mein Leben

J. G. Walther

SILENT PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP AND COLLECT

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR GOOD FRIDAY (said by all)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer:

**we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.**

We have lived for ourselves.

**We have refused to shoulder the troubles of others
and turned from our neighbours.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by
the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.**

**O God, in your great mercy,
forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN – *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

VU 133

The Extinguishing of the First Candle & Removal of Paraments

Psalm 32

The First Word – “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they are doing”

(a candle is extinguished)

Choir – All My Friends Have Forsaken Me

E. Daley

The Extinguishing of the Second Candle & Removal of Offering Plates

Psalm 102

The Second Word – “Today you shall be with me in paradise.”

(a candle is extinguished)

Choir – Let My Complaint Come Before Thee

A. Batten

The Extinguishing of the Third Candle & Removal of Chalice and Plate

Psalm 143

The Third Word – “Woman, behold your son!”

(a candle is extinguished)

Choir – Ave verum corpus

W. Byrd

★ HYMN: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

VU 149

The Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle & Removal of Bible

Psalm 38

The Fourth Word - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

(a candle is extinguished)

Choir – He Was Wounded

E. Daley

The Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle & Removal of Altar Candles

Psalm 51

The Fifth Word - "I thirst."

(a candle is extinguished)

Trio - A Litany

F. Bridge

★ HYMN: *Were you There*

VU 144

The Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle & Veiling of the Cross

Psalm 6

The Sixth Word - "It is finished."

(a candle is extinguished)

REFLECTION: "Were you There?"

Semi Chorus - O Wondrous Love

J. S. Bach

The Extinguishing of the Seventh Candle

Psalm 130

The Seventh Word - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

(a candle is extinguished)

Solo - TBD, Allana Stevenson, soprano

J. S. Bach

★ HYMN: *O Sacred Head*

VU 145

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I
offended you? Answer me! I led you forth from the land of
Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism;

All: But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with
Manna. I brought you through tribulation and gave you
my body, the bread of heaven,

All: But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done
for you that I have not done? Answer me! I went before
you in a pillar of cloud,

**All: But you led me to the judgement hall of Pilate and
you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed on you the keys
of the kingdom,

**All: But you have given me a crown of thorns and you
have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I
offended you? Answer me! I gave you my peace which
the world cannot give,

All: But you draw the sword to strike in my name.

One: I washed your feet as a sign of my love and offered you
my body and blood,

**All: But you scatter and deny and abandon me and you
have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: I prayed that all may be one in the Father and me, and
you continue to quarrel and divide, casting lots for my
clothing,

All: And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters, but
I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and
you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome
me. I was naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in
prison and you did not visit me,

All: And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I
offended you? Answer me!

(The Christ Candle is carried out).

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence when you feel ready to do so.
Thank you to our reader today, Gillian Webster.*

TENEBRAE

Tenebrae ("shadows") is the name popularly given to services in the medieval church held on evenings preceding Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Tenebrae combines the chief elements of the ancient services, namely the extinguishing of candles during scripture readings balanced with responses of musical beauty.