



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

**MARCH 29, 2018
7:00 P.M.**



Tenebrae: The Service of Shadows by Richard Shephard

This evening's service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century evening service and is an extended meditation on stories in the Old Testament and on the Passion of Christ. Candles are extinguished during the service, symbolizing the betrayal of Christ and the diminishing of the Light of the World. The musical settings for this service were composed by contemporary English composer Richard Shephard.

Musicians for this service:

The Westminster Choir
Paul Fleckenstein, director/organist
Elizabeth Holmes, soprano
Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano
Christian Sanders, tenor
Travis Lucas, baritone

Karen Schubert, horn
Russell Mehrrens, trombone
Emily Smith, trombone
Bruce Tychinsky, trombone

Westminster by Heart is a lay group from our congregation committed to telling stories from Scripture. We have embraced the discipline and spiritual commitment of learning these passages by heart so that our congregation may experience the Bible the same way it was first heard, traveling to the hearts of believers on the breath of the teller. Our group is open to any and all who share a passion for the story. For more information, contact Shelley Gnade (shelley.gnade@gmail.com) or Mary-beth Howard (mbhcc73@gmail.com).

Announcements

Following Sunday's services Easter Lilies are available for delivery to homebound members.

The Westminster Church Office will be closed Monday, April 2, in observance of Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING – SINFONIA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus remained faithful to God,
even when it led to the cross.
He overturned the status quo,
even when it cost him his life.
We cannot ignore the pain he endured in his final hours.
The seeds of redemption are sown in his suffering love.

*HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Herzliebster Jesu

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that mortal judgment has on thee descended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.**

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647)
trans. Robert Seymour Bridges

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 22:1-8

*Chris Hickey and Kyle Carrick, storytellers
Westminster By Heart*

ANTHEM

Abraham's Sacrifice

Abraham: My sweet son, come hither to me
Oh Isaac, my son dear,
Come to thy father, my child so free,
For we must go together in fear.

Isaac Father, fire and wood here is plenty,
But I can see no sacrifice.
What shall you offer?
Fain would I see
That it were done in the best wise.

Abraham Alas, dear child, I may not choose,
I must needs my sweet son kill.
My dear darling now must me lose,
My own child's blood now shall I spill.
Yet this deed ere I fulfil
My sweet son, thy mouth I kiss.

Isaac All ready father, ev'n at your will
I do your bidding as reason is.
With lowly heart to God I cry
I am his servant both day and night
I thank thee Lord in heav'n so high
With heart, with thought, with main, with might.

Angel Abraham, Abraham, thou father free
Abraham I am here ready, what is your will?
Angel Extend thy hand in no degree.
I bid thou him not kill.
Here do I see by right good skill
For thou sparest not thy son to spill.

Abraham I thank my God in Heaven above
And honour him for his great grace.
And that my Lord doth me thus approve
I will him worship in ev'ry place.

Isaac Ah, my Lord God, to worship now on knee I fall.
I thank thee Lord of thy great mercy.
Now God all things of nought that made
His honour may never more fade.

- Text from the York Mystery Plays

PRAYER

**Loving God, we gather this evening
to remember the trials that Jesus endured in his final hours.
Filled with your Spirit, he shared your love with all in need.
His devotion to you and his compassion for the unlovely
placed him in conflict with the leaders of his day.
Their fear of him led them to undertake their evil deeds.
Great God, we give thanks that Jesus could remain faithful to your ways,
even in the face of death.
We pray that we may find strength and courage from his example
to face the trials that we encounter. Amen.**

SINFONIA

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 14:25, 15:13, 18:5-9, 15, 31-32
Shelley Gnade and Mary-beth Howard, storytellers

ANTHEM "Absalom"

David the King was grieved and moved, and went up to the chamber and wept; and as he went, he said:
O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son.

- II Samuel 18: 33

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7, 11-12
Jill Getty, storyteller

ANTHEM "Out of the Depths"

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord. My soul waits; And in his word do I hope.

- Psalm 130

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ humbled himself and became one like us.

He came not to be served, but to serve.

We are invited to feast with him who remained obedient to the end,

and who calls us to serve one another in love.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*When you approach communion servers, please take a piece of bread,
the symbol of Christ’s love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.*

If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher so that you may be served.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(Choir)

“Bread of the World”

Bread of the world in mercy broken
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

- Reginald Heber 1783-1826

(Horn/Organ)

Notturmo Elegiaco

Hugo Alfvén

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Herzliebster Jesu

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:26, 33-35
Carol Shortlidge, storyteller

SOLO

“O My Father”

O my Father, my Father, if it may be possible let this cup pass from me.
Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

- Mark 14:36

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:41-46
Jan Harrison, storyteller

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:1-12
Suzie Hurlock and Bob Moore, storytellers

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Crucify Him”

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:15-27
Jon McPheeters, storyteller

SOLO

“Awake, Sad Heart”

Awake, sad heart, whom sorrow ever drowns;
Take up thine eyes, which feed on earth;
Unfold thy forehead, gathered into frowns;
Thy Saviour comes, and with Him mirth:
Awake, awake,
And with a thankful heart His comforts take.
But thou dost still lament, and pine, and cry,
And feel His death, but not His victory.

- George Herbert

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:33-34
Women, Westminster By Heart

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:37-39
Men, Westminster By Heart

ANTHEM

“O Savior of the World”

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

-Anglican Book of Common Prayer

POSTLUDE

DEPART IN SILENCE

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Holy Week continues

AT WESTMINSTER

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reflect on the crucifixion through silent prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary or walk the Labyrinth in the Meeting Room (adjacent to Rodney Chapel).

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast in Community Hall

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Christ is risen! Join us for festive worship services in the Sanctuary celebrating Christ's triumphant resurrection, with an inspirational sermon by Dr. Jones, and joyous music led by the Westminster Choir, brass, timpani, and organ.

10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt (parents and children through 2nd grade meet in Grace Hall)

Nursery care will be available from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. for both worship services on Easter Sunday.

Child care for children Preschool through 2nd grade in the Preschool Suite during both worship services on Easter Sunday.

All are welcome!



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