

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2017

7:00 p.m.



*His sacrifice on the cross for our brokenness...*

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*\*Congregation Stands (If you prefer, It is acceptable to remain seated.)*

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**PRELUDE**

**Organ**

**GREETING**

**Ryan Moore**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,  
**who redeems us from sin and death.**

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**HYMN: "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"**

*(Hymn #212)*

**(VERSE 1)**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

**(VERSE 2)**

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

**(VERSE 3)**

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

**(VERSE 4)**

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Ryan Moore**

O Christ, who forsook no one  
but was forsaken by the closest of friends,  
and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a  
criminal's death,  
we enter your presence in awe and adoration.  
On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life,  
but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had  
been born.  
You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as  
yourself,  
and when that love required you to shoulder a cross,  
you summoned the strength to bear it.  
Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross,  
teach us its meaning once again  
and help us to take up our cross and follow you. **Amen.**

**THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS**

**The Shadow of Betrayal**

**Reading: Matthew 26:20-25**

**Carole Stuart**

**Response: "Ah Holy Jesus"**

*(Hymn #231)*

**(VERSE 1)**

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

**(VERSE 2)**

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?  
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.

**(VERSE 3)**

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

**(VERSE 4)**

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,  
I do adore you, and will ever pray you,  
think on your pity and your love unswerving, not my deservng.

### **The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest**

**Reading: Matthew 26: 36-50**

**Bill Colvin**

**Response: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

*(Hymn #225)*

**(VERSE 1)**

Go to dark gethsemane, you will feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

**(VERSE 2)**

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned.  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

**(VERSE 3)**

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

## The Shadow of Denial

Reading: Matthew 26:69-75 – Lois Robertson

Response: “Judas, Peter” Ryan Moore  
*Poem by Luci Shaw*

## The Shadow of Accusation

Reading: Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29 Carole Stuart

Response: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
*(Hymn #221)*

### **(VERSE 1)**

O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

### **(VERSE 2)**

What thou, my lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor, And grant to me thy grace.

### **(VERSE 3)**

What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

## The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Reading: Matthew 27: 31-43 Bill Colvin

Response: “He Was Wounded” Choir  
*A. Vivaldi, arr. Hal Hopson*

## The Shadow of Death

**Reading: Matthew 27-45-54**

**Lois Robertson**

**Response: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

*(Hymn #213, verses 1-2)*

**(VERSE 1)**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

**(VERSE 2)**

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

**THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED**

**The Shadow of Burial**

**Reading: Matthew 27:57-60**

**Ryan Moore**

**Response: "Were You There?"**

*(Hymn #218, Verses 1-3)*

**(VERSE 1)**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**(VERSE 2)**

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**(VERSE 3)**

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**HYMN: “WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”**

*(Hymn #213)*

**(VERSE 4)**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**DISMISSAL**

**Ryan Moore**

May Jesus Christ,  
who for our sakes became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross,  
keep you and strengthen you.  
**Amen**