



SOTC Worship
April 18, 2025
Good Friday

WE GATHER AT CHRIST'S CROSS

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the verdict: that the light has come into the world.

But we loved darkness rather than light.

GATHERING SONG

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

ELW 351 (vs. 1-3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING: ISAIAH 53:4-12

In response to the reading:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW

ELW 345 (vs. 1, 4)

WE REFLECT ON CHRIST'S PASSION

After each reading, the congregation is invited into a period of silence for reflection.

A question for meditation will be projected on the wall.

Each period of silence comes to a close with the sound of a chime and the extinguishing of a candle. Congregation is invited to respond in song throughout the readings.

SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

READING: JOHN 18:1-11

Silence for reflection

SHADOW OF DENIAL

READING: JOHN 18:12-27

Silence for reflection

HYMN

AH, HOLY JESUS

ELW 349 (vs. 1-2)

SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

READING: JOHN 18:28-38A

Silence for reflection

HYMN

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

ELW 347 (vs. 1-2)

SHADOW OF MOCKERY

READING: JOHN 18:38B-19:16A

Silence for reflection. Congregation is invited to bring the stone they received prior to worship around the larger stones of sin, iniquity, and transgression.

SHADOW OF SUFFERING

READING: JOHN 19:16B-30

Silence for reflection. A funeral pall is laid around the stones as a representation of Christ's death.

HYMN

WERE YOU THERE

ELW 353 (vs. 1-2)

SHADOW OF BROKENNESS

READING: JOHN 19:31-37

Silence for reflection. Congregation is invited to pound the nail they received prior to worship into the cross or lay it to the side of the cross.

HYMN

WERE YOU THERE

ELW 353 (vs. 3-4)

SHADOW OF DEATH

READING: JOHN 19:38-42

Silence for reflection. Chimes ring 33 times (once for every year of Christ's life) and the Christ candle is extinguished.

WE ADORE CHRIST'S CROSS

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Congregation responds to "but you have prepared a cross for your Savior" with
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Silence for reflection

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sin and brokenness,
have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world.
grant us peace.

We adore you, Lord Jesus, and we bless you.
For by your holy cross, your love has redeemed the world.

HYMN

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

ELW 338

All depart in silence. Worship continues tomorrow evening with the Easter Vigil as we await the dawn of Christ's resurrection.

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