Maundy Thursday

Old South Church *in* Boston April 14th, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Service of Tenebrae

The ancient office of Tenebrae, Latin for "shadows," commemorates the events of Jesus' last days, the betrayal of the disciples, and the moments before the crucifixion.

It is a service of lessons and hymns, accompanied by encroaching night.

The Disciples Gather

PRELUDE Lord of the Starfields Bruce Cockburn
THE WILLIE SORDILLO ENSEMBLE

WELCOME Ashley Popperson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. In the silence, we name our sins before you.



CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Blood Count Billy Strayhorn

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Ashley Popperson

Richard E. Spalding

We practice an **Open Table,** meaning all are welcome to receive Communion.

Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and partake before returning to your seat.

All cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request

ANTHEM Cristo Redentor Duke Pearson

The Shadows Draw Near

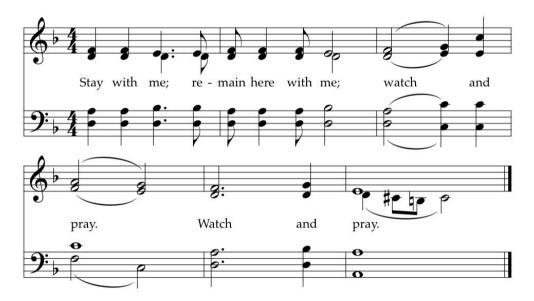
Please remain seated for the remaining congregational songs.

SHADOW OF BETRAYAL According to Luke Katherine Schofield

ANTHEM Beware of Darkness George Harrison

SHADOW OF DESERTION According to Matthew Sarah Cowles

MUSICAL MEDITATION Stay with Me Taizé Community; Jacques Berthier



SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

According to Matthew

Donald A. Wells

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Larry Fleming, arr.

O, when I am alone...
...give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest; give me Jesus.

O, when I come to die... ... give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing... ... give me Jesus.

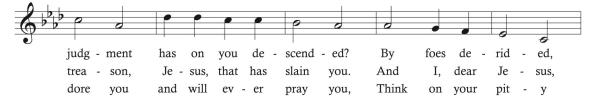
...and when I am alone, give me Jesus.

SHADOW OF DENIAL

According to Matthew

Laura Walker Dunn

HYMN Ah, Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU Ah, ho - ly Je sus, how have you of - fend - ed, that mor-tal Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my There - fore, kind Je - sus, since can - not you, do a -





ANTHEM

O Sacred Head

David Hurd

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn:
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn;
What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight: Thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light. Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace: Show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever! And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

SHADOW OF DEATH

According to Luke

David Story

ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept

William Billings Peter Paul Olejar, arr.

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

THIRTY-NINE LASHES

The bell is tolled thirty-nine times in commemoration of the thirty-nine lashes inflicted upon Jesus.

There is no Benediction this day, for our worship continues through the

Passion of Good Friday and the proclamation of Easter.

Please depart the chapel in silence.

OFFERING

As you depart, please consider making a financial offering to support the Allston Brighton Food Pantry.

A NOTE ON THE PASSION TEXTS AND ANTI-SEMITISM

The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries, many Christians blamed "The Jews" for Christ's death. This interpretation is incorrect, misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment, one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically, Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.

INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at www.oldsouth.org/Sundays for everything Sundays, www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of events, and the general website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history and other information about this storied ship of faith!

WEEKLY WORSHIP AT OLD SOUTH

First Worship informal and vibrant—Sundays at 9 a.m. **Festival Worship** grand and expressive—Sundays at 11 a.m. **Jazz Worship** with soul and sax—Thursdays at 6 p.m. **Healing Vespers Worship** gentle and tender—Second Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Good Friday—April 7th, 12 p.m. Seven Last Words, 7 p.m. Choral Service Easter Sunday Festival Worship — April 9th, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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