

THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY Matthew 27:27-31; 35-44
Lector: Pastor Matthew Hardin

Extinguishing the Candle and Congregational Response
Hymn – No. 98 (verses 1) “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
**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.**

THE SHADOW OF DEATH Matthew 27:45-50
Lector: Pastor Barry Dawson

Congregational Response
Extinguishing the Christ Candle and Recessional with the Christ Candle
“He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”
Soloists: Kazunori Higuchi, Pastor Barry Dawson

Following the last solo, please leave the sanctuary in silence.

✠ **Easter Sunday Services: April 24, 2011**
at 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

Pastor: Barry Dawson (tuc.barry.dawson@gmail.com)
Associate Pastor: Matthew Hardin (astpastr@gol.com)
Organist: Miwako Horii

Tokyo Union Church:

5-7-7 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0001
Tel: (03) 3400-0047
Fax: (03) 3400-1942
E-mail: tuc@gol.com
URL: <http://www.tokyounion.org>

Tokyo Union Church

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 22, 2011

7:30 pm

This evening’s Tenebrae service of worship is based upon a service from the early centuries of Christianity. Tenebrae is a Latin word that means “shadows” or “darkness.” The darkness of the sanctuary reminds us of the physical pain and emotional suffering that Jesus endured in order to complete his mission of bringing God’s salvation to the world. The readings from Holy Scripture take us on a journey through the last day of Jesus’ life on earth and poignantly capture the depth of love expressed in his sacrifice. The gradual extinguishing of the candle flames point to the ever increasing darkness that the Crucified Savior experienced as he obediently followed the will of God even to the point of death.

Congregation’s words in **bold**; sung words in **bold italics**

* Congregation Standing

SILENT PRAYER

As we prepare our hearts for worship, please approach God with silent prayer.

PRELUDE “Near the Cross” T. Kendall

CENTERING OUR WORSHIP – Hymn No. 102

“Were You There?” (verses 1, 2)

***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?***

***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?***

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

People: **Oh, come, let us worship the Crucified Savior.**

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Pastor: Let all the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.

All: **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

◇◇

* HYMN – No. 98 (verses 2, 3) “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, forgive us that, in spite of the cross, we have somehow managed to turn Christianity into an easygoing way of life. Forgive us that our timid spirits’ preference for holy days is Bethlehem’s manger or Easter’s empty tomb, rather than Golgotha with its blood-stained wood and cruel nails. Forgive us that even on the most poignant, holy days we are more inclined to be routinely religious than we are to be radically redeemed. Loving God, by your Holy Spirit by-pass our relaxed responses to this Friday we call Good, and shock us again with the raw, painful glory of your cross. Grant that we may never be casual before the awesome love revealed in Christ’s decision to give his life for us and all people of all nations. Make us, Holy God, more responsive to your saving grace and willing captives of the love which grants perfect liberty. By your cross deliver us from every sin which corrupts us, every weight which pulls us down, and set our faces toward the light which comes not to condemn but to save. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, who made the atoning sacrifice for all creation. Amen.

* RESPONSE – Hymn No. 599 “Jesus, Remember Me” (sing 2 times)

***Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.***

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “Holy, Holy, Holy” (sing 2 times)

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart a-dores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are ho-ly, Lord!***

◇◇

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING I John 4:7-12 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 226)
Lector: Jean Pengosro

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I John 3:11-18 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 226)

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION “The Love of Your Life” Pastor Barry Dawson

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP – No. 100 (verses 3, 4)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

TENEBRAE SERVICE

After each reading, a candle will be extinguished.

Then the lector and congregation will say the following response:

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

People: **You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

THE SHADOW OF INNER AGONY

Matthew 26:36-46

Lector: Jean Pengosro

Extinguishing the Candle and Congregational Response

Taize Canticle (sing 3 times)

Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL, ARREST, AND DESERTION

Lector: Millicent Bakuyeya Matthew 26:47-56

Extinguishing the Candle and Congregational Response

Hymn – No. 93 (verses 3) “Ah, Holy Jesus”

***For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life’s oblation,
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.***

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Matthew 26:59-68

Lector: Roxanne Bucaria

Extinguishing the Candle and Congregational Response

Hymn – No. 97 (verse 2) “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

***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 from Christ to bear the cross.***

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Matthew 26:69-75

Lector: Paul Fukuda

Extinguishing the Candle and Congregational Response

Hymn – No. 93 (verses 2) “Ah, Holy Jesus”

***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.***

THE SHADOW OF REJECTION

Matthew 27:15-26

Lector: Shelly Dawson

Extinguishing the Candle and Congregational Response

Hymn – No. 93 (verses 1) “Ah, Holy Jesus”

***Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!***