

Friday, April 18, 2025

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DUNEDIN, FLORIDA

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome!

We're glad you are here. We know you have many choices of what to do with your time. We are happy that you chose to spend it with us this morning. We want you to know that in order to make this the best possible experience for you...

We will go out of our way to:

- Be clear about Jesus. Present as clear a picture as we can of the positive, hopeful, life-changing message of Jesus Christ.
- Make sure you feel welcome. Our commitment is to make sure you feel accepted, valued and never judged.
- Make what you wear a non-issue. You are dressed perfectly. Jesus cares about you, not your clothes. We feel the same way.
- Let you be anonymous. We won't single you out or make you feel awkward. We'll introduce ourselves, but not be pushy.
- Talk in words that make sense. We won't talk in "Bible talk" (thee, thou...) and if we use special words, we'll carefully explain them.
- Not pressure you to give. No guilt. Believe it or not, we don't care whether you give money. You are our welcome guest today.
- Take care of your children. We are as nuts about the safety and care of your children as we are about Jesus.
- Love you. Even if we don't know you yet, we know God loves you and, therefore, so do we.

Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center. We have a warm handshake waiting for you.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 7:00 P.M.

GATHER IN SILENCE

Silent Meditation

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death. By the time the service ends, all of the candles will be extinguished and we will leave in silence and darkness. You are welcome to stay to meditate or pray and to leave when you are ready.

Prelude O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall Mark Hunter
- J.S. Bach Organist

Greeting and Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the

Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

People: who redeems us from sin and death.

Leader: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient

unto death, even death on a cross.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr

^{*}Congregational Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus #216

The Shadow of Betrayal

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:20-25 - NIV

Elder John Miller, reader

Jesus answered, "You have said so."

Special Music

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine
by Mary L. Bringle and Sally A. Morris
Soloists: Nani McClure, Logan Davis,
Emma Nickel, Jacob Cure
Chancel Choir

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest Scripture Reading: *Matthew 26:36-50 - NIV*

Elder Amanda Bowman, reader

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

²³ Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²⁵Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

- ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."
- ⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.
- ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"
- ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

Congregational Response

People: "Shadows lengthen into night."

*Congregational Hymn Go to Dark Gethsemane #220

The Shadow of DenialScripture Reading: *Matthew 26:69-75 - NIV*Midge Weatherwax, reader

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Congregational Response

People: "Shadows lengthen into night."

Poem"Judas, Peter" by Luci Shaw
Edie Wiseman, reader

The Shadow of Accusation

Janice Wisinski, reader

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29 - NIV

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.

[&]quot;Barabbas," they answered.

²² "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked.

²³ "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

Congregational Response

People: "Shadows lengthen into night."

*Congregational Hymn Ah, Holy Jesus #218

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:31-43 - NIV

Sherrill Roberson, reader

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

²⁵ All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is jesus, the king of the jews.

³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Congregational Response

People: "Shadows lengthen into night."

The Shadow of Death

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-54

Hank Mattox, reader

- ⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").
- ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."
- ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."
- ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.
- ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.
- ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Congregational Response

People: "Shadows lengthen into night."

Choir Anthem Ave Verum **Chancel Choir**

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Shadow of Burial Donna Weatherwax, reader

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:57-60 - NIV

⁵⁷ As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Congregational Response

People: "Shadows lengthen into night."

Quartet Response Were You There?

Calvary Christian High School Quartet

Silent Meditation

Dismissal

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

People: Amen.

The People Leave in Silence

Those With Special Needs

Janet Calve Sue Koutsourais
Bill Douglas Susan Wilson
Jeannine Beebe Ken Giesow

Cindy Withrow Jim & Patsy Perry
Patty Ingman Don & Vickie Taylor
Elisabeth Lawson Angie Castilejo Rocha

Carol White Greg Nichols

LuAnne Erskine

Those Serving in the Military

Jeremy Roberson (Navy) Sergio Adam Castillejo (Coast Guard)

Trevor Grantham (Marines)

Those Who Grieve

Those in the Hospital

Those Who Are in Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers
Lu Erskine, Colonnade at Lake Beckett Assisted Living, Clearwater
Manny Koutsourais, Brookdale Senior Living, Tarpon Springs
Dee Nickels, St. Marks Memory Care, Palm Harbor
Louise Smith, Coral Oaks Assisted Living, Palm Harbor
Nancy Sullivan, Grand Villa, Clearwater

Out of the Area

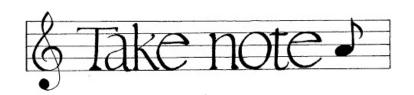
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In addition, please pray for our church, the church universal, our community, our nation and our world, those in distressing circumstances, and those in authority.







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