

“The cross can heal and hurt; it can be empowering and liberating but also enslaving and oppressive. There is no one way in which the cross can be interpreted. I offer my reflections because I believe that the cross placed alongside the lynching tree can help us to see Jesus in America in a new light, and thereby empower people who claim to follow him to take a stand against white supremacy and every kind of injustice.”

+ James Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

“Love is the hammer that nails you to the cross.”

+ Alan Jones

*Crucifixion*, by Frank Wesley



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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

GOOD FRIDAY † Service of Shadows

March 29, 2024 • 7:00 PM

The Service of Shadows commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and is based on the ancient word *Tenebrae*, which means “shadows,” representing the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified. The story will be told through scripture and music. The extinguishing of the candles, the gradual dimming of the light, and the removal of the Christ candle symbolize the death of our Lord.

### PRELUDE

*Music for reflection and meditation is offered  
by Alicia Chapman and Jacob Hill*

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheree Jones

Leader: We enter into a holy place through the new and living way  
Jesus Christ has opened for us.

**All: We come as a holy people – born of the grace of Jesus Christ,  
delivered through his blood.**

Leader: We stand near the cross, gathered here as disciples of Jesus,  
those whom Jesus loves.

**All: On this day of great solemnity,  
let us stand as witnesses to God’s great love for all the world,  
revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*SILENT PROCESSIONAL

THE WORD OF BETRAYAL: John 18:1-11

Zack Jackson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 180: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

REDHEAD

THE WORD OF DENIAL: Luke 22:54-62

Mallory Challis

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *Lamb of God*

J. Reim

Sanctuary Choir

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace. With your stripes we are healed. The Lord has placed on You the iniquity of all. Have mercy. The chastisement of our peace was upon You. You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. Grant us peace.

THE WORD OF JUDGMENT: Luke 22:63-23:25

Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 182: *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

AVON

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Hull McGee

THE WORD OF MOCKERY: Mark 15:16-20

Amy McClure

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *Behold the Lamb of God*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Behold the Lamb of God, the Lamb for sinners slain; a perfect sacrifice for all, He died, but lives again. Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side. The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified. He lives – let Heaven rejoice, and earth her honors bring. To Him, the everlasting God, the great eternal King. Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side. The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified. Oh, strike your harps of gold, ye ransomed host above. Praise Him who bought you with His blood, and saved you by His love. Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side. The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.

THE WORD OF COMMUNITY: John 19:25b-27

Liam McGee

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

INTERLUDE: *Gabriel's Oboe*

C. Courtney

Alicia Chapman, Oboe  
Jacob Hill, Organ

THE WORD OF COMMITMENT: Mark 15:33-39

Joanne Henley

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *And Can It Be?*

D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

THE WORD OF BURIAL: John 19:38-42

Emily Hull McGee

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD IS SILENCED

RESPONSE: *Were You There*

Spiritual

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_

Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
 Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem - ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 trem - ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## REMOVAL OF THE LIGHT

The Christ Candle is removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing the burial of the Light of the World.

## PREPARING THE ROOM FOR THE DARKNESS OF SATURDAY

DISMISSAL: *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Dubois

Sanctuary Choir

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

## \*SENDING FORTH IN SILENCE

(Please depart in silence.)

\*Those who are able will please stand.

## JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY

Easter joy reminds us: death is never the end of the story! Join us for an Easter brunch on the front lawn by the flower cross at 9:30am, followed by worship at 11:00am. Please bring flowers or greenery from home to add to the cross! After worship, all are welcome to take a plant from the front steps as a reminder of new life in abundance.

## IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today for the first time, we welcome you! Please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pews, and give it to a minister after worship. This allows us to extend our hospitality and connect you deeply within the life of our church. If you're visiting with young children, we welcome them in whatever way is best for your family! Creative resources for our little ones guide their experience of worship in the Sanctuary, and worship care for infants through kindergarteners is available in the nursery on the first floor. The balcony continues to be reserved for those preferring extra distance. We're so glad you're here!



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