CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH Cheshire, Connecticut The Rev. Dr. David Rowold, Pastor

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE April 10, 2020 7:30 PM

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Jesus Stood Beside the Cross" by J. S. Bach Saxophone soloist, Frank Vasi

PRAYER - all may kneel

Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

PRAYER - all may kneel Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

EPISTLE

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

PRAYER - all may kneel

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

(A candle is extinguished after each passage of the Passion.)

BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS Text: Saint John 18:1-11

HYMN 450, v 1

JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST AND THE DENIAL OF PETER Text: Saint John 18:12-27

HYMN 450, v 2

JESUS BEFORE PILATE Text: Saint John 18:28-40

HYMN 450, v 3

JESUS PREPARED FOR CRUCIFIXION Text: Saint John 19:1-16a

HYMN 450, v 4

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS Text: Saint John 19:16b-24

HYMN 450, v 5

JESUS' MOTHER AND HIS DEATH Text: Saint John 19:25-30

HYMN 450, v 6

ANTHEM - Parish Singers "Were You There?"

JESUS' SIDE IS PIERCED Text: Saint John 19:31-42

HYMN 450, v 7

PRAYERS - all may kneel

Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

(each petition ends: Lord in your mercy; Hear our prayer!)

Finally let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

LORD'S PRAYER

SENTENCE AND RESPONSE

Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. **O come, let us worship Him.**

THE ADORATION OF CHRIST

We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

HYMN - "The Old Rugged Cross" we sing, seated

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,

The emblem of suff'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross ... Till my trophies at last I lay down: I will cling to the old rugged cross ... And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above, To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

PRAYER - all may kneel

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

POSTLUDE - "Day of Sorrow" Verdi Requiem arr. Hopkins

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After the Prayer, worshippers are asked to remain for brief personal meditation until the Postlude ends. Upon conclusion of the Postlude, worshippers may remain for personal prayer or recess from the nave in silence. May God's love, so richly expressed at the cross, sustain you. Go in His peace.