

Who is That Man? Lyrics

Who is that Man? Oh, who is that Man? Hanging in a moonlit garden. What does He seek? Why does He weep alone? Where have they gone? Oh, where have they gone? Those who always walk beside Him? Where can they be? Why do they leave Him alone, alone?

Why oh why do some want to hurt Him? What has He done to make them afraid? Why oh why do his friends now desert Him? Closing their eyes, turning away?

Who is that Man? Oh who is that Man? Hanging there in pain and sorrow? Why must He die? Why must He suffer there and die? All alone, All alone...

TENEBRAE SERVICE

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae. 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. Please enter humbly, worship deeply, and leave quietly this evening with your heart centered on the suffering of Christ for you and your salvation. You will observe a diminishing of light through the service in the pattern of Tenebrae worship. Tenebrae means shadows, and so our worship will include an experience of some of the shadows that Christ endured. At the close of the service the bell will toll seven times to represent the fullness of Christ's sacrifice for us.

Stay in silent prayer and reflection as long as you like. Lights will be raised to help you safely exit at the end of the service.



Good Friday

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April 18, 2025

7:30 PM

The Approach to God

Welcome

Prelude: "God So Loved the World"Stainer

*Call to Worship

Leader: From the busy-ness of our lives, we have come here on a day that is different.

People: In the midst of the world which holds the promise of spring and new life, we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.

Leader: Come and hear the tale, come and share the tragedy, come and embrace the darkness.

*Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 223:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"Hamburg

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your sacrifice and for thinking your grace is cheap.

Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents.

Forgive us, Lord, for taking our worship for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom.

Forgive us, Lord, for being calloused to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God.

Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice, forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross.

Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness.

Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still. Amen.

(A moment of silent reflection).

Assurance of Pardon

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination.....Rev. Audrey H. Reese

New Testament Scripture: Luke 23:39-43

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon: "The Way Home"

SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS

The Shadow of Betrayal: Matthew 26:20-25.....De French

Hymn 218: "Ah, Holy Jesus" verses 1 and 4.....Cruger

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest

Luke 22:39-48, 54.....Robert French

Hymn 220: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" verses 2 and 3....Redhead

The Shadow of Denial: Matthew 26:69-75.....Jane Thomas

Hymn 213: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" v. 1.....Conkey

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29.....Barry Burden

Hymn 213: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" v. 2.....Conkey

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation:

Matthew 27:31-43.....Becky Black

Anthem: *Who is That Man?*.....Mauldin

The Shadow of Death: Matthew 27:45-54.....Brad Stancil

Hymn 228: "Were You There?"Spiritual

The Shadow of Burial: Matthew 27:57-60.....Rev. Audrey Reese

Choral Benediction: (*My Jesus, I Love Thee, v. 3*).....Raney

Benediction

**Congregation Standing*