



The Passion According
to St. Matthew
Improvisation
by Ben A. Spalding

Good Friday

April 14, 2017
Mission Campus
7pm

The word "Tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to re-create the emotional aspects of the Passion story, through the reading of the Passion narrative and the sequential extinguishing of candles.

Prelude

Meditations
String Quartet

Choir Introit

What Wondrous Love Is This
arr. Trevor Manor

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Welcome

Call to Worship

- L** We have a great high priest, Christ Jesus, who has passed through the heavens.
- C** Let us hold fast to our confession.
- L** We have a great high priest, Christ Jesus, who has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
- C** Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, to receive mercy and help in our hour of need.
- L** Let us worship God.
- C** Amen.

Opening Hymn

On a Barren Hilltop
KING'S WESTON

1 On a bar - ren hill - top just out - side the walls
2 Test - ed just as we are, in a world of strife,
3 Let us then come bold - ly to the heaven - ly throne,

of an an - cient cit - y as the eve - ning falls,
through the pain and con - flict of a hu - man life,
where our hu - man weak - ness is so ful - ly known,

speaks a dy - ing fig - ure hang - ing on a tree,
here at last com - plet - ed with his fi - nal breath
and the mer - cy giv - en by which we are freed,

say - ing "It is fin - ished," words of vic - to - ry.
is a life tri - um - phant o - ver sin and death.
and the grace pro - vid - ed for our time of need:

Confession and Absolution

- L** Merciful God,
C we confess that we have sinned against you. We despise and reject your servant, like a lamb led to the slaughter. We betray and deny our Lord, the One you sent to save us. Forgive us, God of grace. Even in this hour of anguish show us the light of your salvation and lead us to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the silence of our hearts we now bring our sin to the foot of the cross.

- L** From Jesus' first cry in Bethlehem to his last cry on Calvary, he has given us the gift of his undying love and forgiveness. Our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Hymn

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
LSB 451: 1, 4 | O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall

see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

The Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ to save us. We have betrayed him. We have denied him. We have abandoned, mocked, and crucified him. Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us; through Jesus Christ, our only hope.

C Amen.

Offering

Before the Throne of God Above
arr. Dan Forrest | Choir Anthem

*Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, Whose name is love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven
He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.*

*Behold Him there, the Holy Lamb
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

*My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Distribution Anthems

Agnus Dei (The Ground)
Ola Gjeilo

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Benedictus qui venit.
Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes.
Hosanna in the highest.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, grant us peace.*

God So Loved the World
Bob Chilcott

*God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
—John 3:16*



Matthew 26:14–27:66 (NRSV)

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The Liturgy of the Passion from the Gospel of Matthew will be used in the reading of the Passion, which will be chanted in an improvisational style by members of the Trinity Choir, with participation by the congregation in a sung refrain.



- Narrator** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- Judas** What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?
- Narrator** The priests paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- Peter** Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
- Narrator** Jesus said,
- Jesus** Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."
- Narrator** So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- Jesus** Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
Stz. 1 | HERZLIEBSTER JESU

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

Meditation

The first candle is extinguished followed by silent meditation.



- Narrator* And the disciples became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Peter* Surely not I, Lord?
- Narrator* He answered,
- Jesus* The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.
- Narrator* Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- Judas* Surely not I, Rabbi?
- Narrator* Jesus replied,
- Jesus* You have said so.
- Narrator* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,
- Jesus* Take, eat; this is my body.
- Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus* Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
- Narrator* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to his disciples,
- Jesus* You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered," But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.
- Narrator* Peter said to him,
- Peter* Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.
- Narrator* Jesus said to him,
- Jesus* Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.
- Narrator* Peter said to him,
- Peter* Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
Stz. 2 | HERZLIEBSTER JESU

2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
treason, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

Meditation

The second candle is extinguished followed by silent meditation.



Narrator And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them,

Jesus Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

Narrator And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Narrator Again Jesus came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given the crowd a sign, saying,

Judas The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Narrator At once Judas came up to Jesus and said,

Judas Greetings, Rabbi!

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator Then the crowd came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, Peter sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

False Witness This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

Narrator The high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

High Priest Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Jesus,

High Priest I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

Narrator The scribes and elders answered,

Scribe He deserves death.

Narrator Then they spat in Jesus' face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Elder Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,
Servant 1 You also were with Jesus the Galilean.
Narrator But Peter denied it before all of them, saying,
Peter I do not know what you are talking about.
Narrator When Peter went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
Servant 2 This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.
Narrator Again Peter denied it with an oath,
Peter I do not know the man.
Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
Bystander 1 Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.
Narrator Then Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,
Peter I do not know the man!
Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:
Jesus Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.
Narrator And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
Stz. 3 | HERZLIEBSTER JESU

3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.

Meditation

The third candle is extinguished followed by silent meditation.



Narrator When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. Judas said,

Judas I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Narrator But the chief priests and elders said,

Chief Priest What is that to us? See to it yourself.

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, Judas departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priest It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,

Prophet And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.

Narrator Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus You say so.

Narrator But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to the crowd,

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Narrator And the crowd said,

Crowd Barabbas.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator All of them said,
Crowd Let him be crucified!
Narrator Then Pilate asked,
Pilate Why, what evil has he done?
Narrator But the crowd shouted all the more,
Crowd Let him be crucified!
Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,
Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.
Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,
Crowd His blood be on us and on our children!
Narrator So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,
Soldier Hail, King of the Jews!
Narrator They spat on Jesus, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
 Stz. 4 | HERZLIEBSTER JESU

4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

Meditation

The fourth candle is extinguished followed by silent meditation.



Narrator And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,

Soldier This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Narrator Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passerby 1 You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!

Passerby 2 If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying,

Chief Priest He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Scribe He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

Elder He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator that is,

Jesus My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander 1 This man is calling for Elijah.

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystander 2 Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

All humming in unison

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is a simple melody in G minor, and the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. Each system is labeled with 'Hmm' above the vocal line, indicating that the vocalists are humming. The piano accompaniment is written in bass clef and includes chords and single notes.

Meditation

The fifth candle is extinguished followed by silent meditation.

PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU ARE ABLE FOR SILENT PRAYER. STAND WHEN INDICATED.



Part
Six

Narrator

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion

Truly this man was God's Son!

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus
Stz. 5 | HERZLIEBSTER JESU



5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

The congregation may be seated.

Meditation

The sixth candle is extinguished followed by silent meditation.



Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. Joseph went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. Joseph then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priest Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive,

Pharisee He said, "After three days I will rise again."

Chief Priest Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise Jesus' disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people,

Pharisee "He has been raised from the dead,"

Chief Priest and the last deception would be worse than the first.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Narrator So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

An extended period of silence is observed at the conclusion of the Passion reading.

Meditation

The seventh candle is extinguished followed by silent meditation.

Prayer of the Church for Good Friday

L Let us pray. We have seen what hearts of stone can do.

C We wait in hope for new life in you, O God.

L You have told us never to be afraid.

C We wait in hope for new life in you, O God.

L You have promised us a love that never ends.

C We wait in hope for new life in you, O God.

L We put our trust in you, the One we call, "our Savior."

C We wait in hope for new life in you, O God.

The Lord's Prayer (whispered)

The Christ Candle Exits

Choral Meditation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Final Statement and Strepitus (symbolic sealing of the tomb)

A large noise is heard as the tomb is closed.

Return of the Christ Candle

We anticipate the resurrection. Please leave in meditative silence.

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To Our Guests: Please add your voice and heart to the worship: sing the music and pray the prayers. Everyone is welcome at God's House, and everyone's voice is needed to tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Please help others find a place near you, and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please be sure to fill out an attendance card located in the plastic folder.

Nursery Available: We love children at Trinity and are so pleased you and your children are worshipping with us today! We firmly believe the most important people influencing the faith formation of a child are found in the home – parents, grandparents, guardians. One of the key ways children learn about God is by watching their parents worship. We encourage you to keep your children with you in church to worship as a family. We also offer a staffed nursery for children 6 months to 3 years of age. The nursery will be staffed this evening.