

**Hi All!**

**Thanks for gathering with us this evening for our joint Good Friday service. We are hopeful that you will find this to be a reflective time and service as we prepare ourselves for Easter.**

**- Rev. Andrew Scott, OSL.**

## **A SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

**GATHERING**

**GREETING**

**L: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.**

**P: That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

**L: Let us pray.**

**P: Almighty God,**

**your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself.**

**Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## SILENT MEDITATION

Please take a minute or two to engage in silent meditation as we prepare ourselves for remembrance of the crucifixion.

Meditation for solo flute

by Ben Malkevitch

played by Amy Cook

## THE REPROACHES:

### CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

Refrain: Jesus, Remember Me 488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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1) O my people, O my Church,  
what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?  
I led you forth from the land of Egypt  
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.

2) I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with  
manna;

I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal

and gave you my body, the bread of heaven;  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **R**

3) I made you branches of my vineyard  
and gave you the water of salvation,  
but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall  
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior. **R**

4) I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.  
I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity,  
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. **R**

5) I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the  
kingdom,  
but you have given me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you on high with great power,  
but you have hanged me on the cross. **R**

6) My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a servant,  
but you draw the sword to strike in my name  
and seek high places in my kingdom. **R**

7) I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.  
I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you,  
but you close your hearts to guidance. **R**

8) I called you to go and bring forth fruit,  
but you cast lots for my clothing.

I prayed that you all may be one,  
but you continue to quarrel and divide. **R**

9) I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel,  
but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.  
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt. **R**

10) I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters.  
I was hungry but you gave me no food,  
thirsty but you gave me no drink.  
I was a stranger but you did not welcome me,  
naked but you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison but you did not visit me. **R**

*A brief silence follows.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and glory forever. Amen.**

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

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DISMISSAL

May Jesus Christ,

who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death  
on a cross,

keep you and strengthen you, now and for ever. Amen.

GOING FORTH