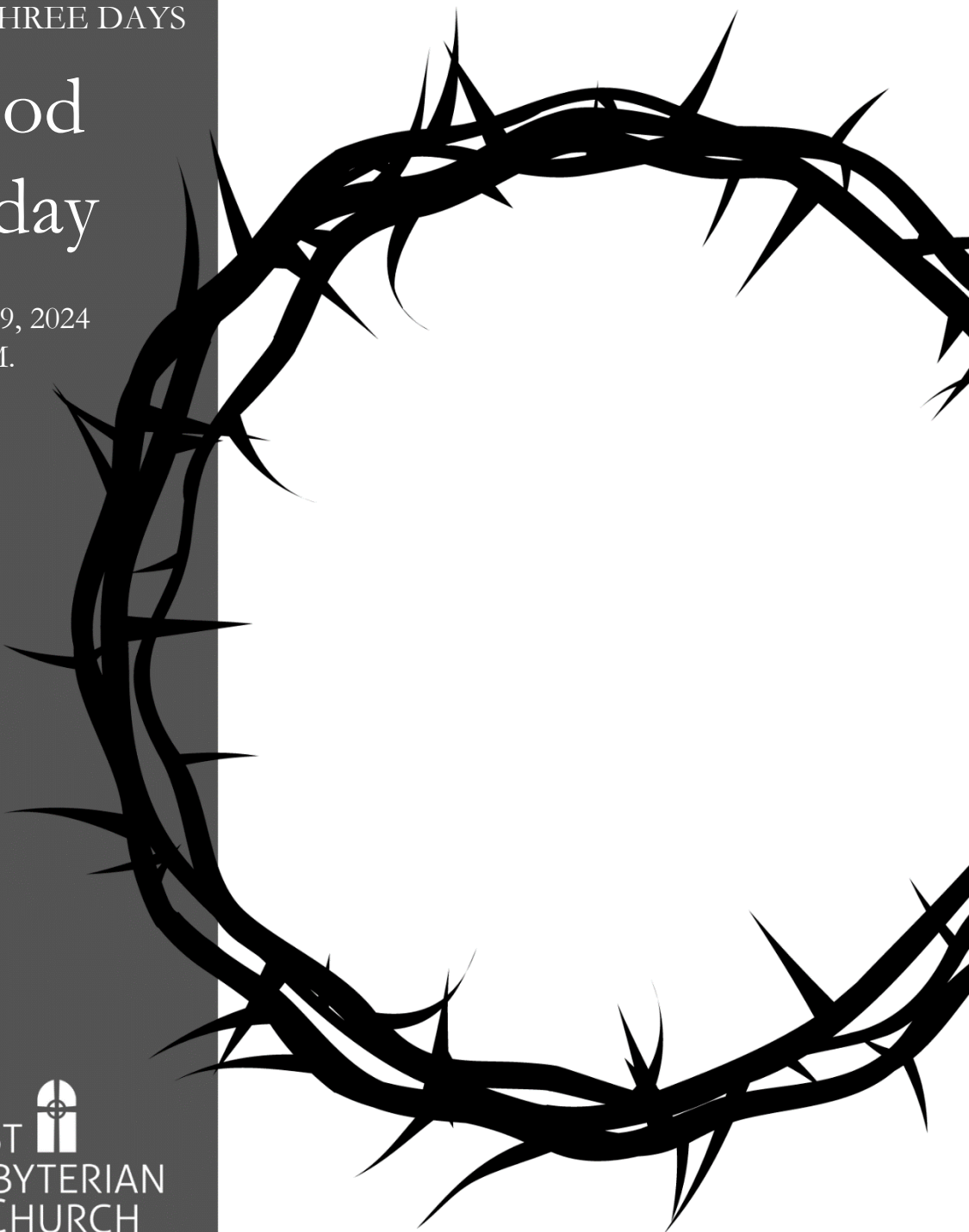


THE THREE DAYS

Good Friday

March 29, 2024
6:00 P.M.

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TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Our Good Friday liturgy is in the form of a Tenebrae service, which has been practiced by the church since at least the ninth century. *Tenebrae* comes from Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.”

PRELUDE

*GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCES

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

Who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation,

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*HYMN 212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death. Lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully all the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

After each reading and response that follows, a candle will be extinguished. Silence will be kept as we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL | John 18:1-11

HYMN 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL | John 18:12-27

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ab, Holy Jesus

arr. John Ferguson

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION | John 18:33-40

ORGAN MEDITATION *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

THE SHADOW OF HUMILIATION | John 19:1-16

CHORAL RESPONSE *O Vos Omnes* Pablo Casals
O all you who walk by on the road,
pay attention and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.
(Lamentations 1:12)

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION | John 19:17-19; 23-25

SOLO “Behold and See” from *Messiah* G.F. Handel
Dakota DeGraw, Tenor

THE SHADOW OF DEATH | John 19:25-30; 31-34

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Duane Funderburk
Linda Cole, Oboe Ben Goodwin, Cello

CHORAL RESPONSE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Gilbert Martin

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL | John 19:38-42

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY
Silence is kept as the Christ candle and other adornments are removed from the sanctuary.

SOLO *Were You There?* Shelby Ratliff, Soloist

After silent reflection, all depart in silence.

The service continues tomorrow with the Great Vigil of Easter at 6:00 P.M.

*Rise in body or spirit



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