



Good Friday

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“A Caring and Affirming Christ-Centered Fellowship, Lay-Led
and Community Focused”

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM-2:30PM (Staffed)

Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM-4:00PM (Phone calls received)

THE SHADOWS OF THE CROSS

Words of Welcome and Opening Voluntary
Stripping of the Altar

Opening Prayer UMH 284 *(in unison)*

The Shadow of Guilt

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

Luke 23:32-38

Rev. David Lee

Hymn UMH 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Litany of Response

Leader: Great God, the shadow of the cross falls upon us.
People: We know not how to bear such a load of grief and pain.
 Leader: The shadow of our guilt weighs heavy upon us.
People: Have we unknowingly allowed sin to overpower us?
 Leader: The shadow of his plea falls upon our ears.
People: How can we comprehend the fullness of compassion from the lips of one who suffers?
 Leader: Grant, O Lord, the comforting shadow of your mercy.
People: Pervade our hearts, our souls, our minds with your spirit.
 Leader: Enlighten our inward eyes
People: That we may see your love more clearly even in the death of Jesus.

Diminishing of the Light
Moments of Silent Reflection

The Shadow of Promise

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

Luke 23:39-43

Rev. Carrie Carpenter

Aldersgate Choir

Once Upon a Tree
Jacey Spangler, flute

-Pepper Choplin

Litany of Response

Leader: Great God:
People: You are the giver of everything we know; of all that we have.
 Leader: Direct us:
People: That we, too, may glimpse the goodness of this day, even in the midst of uncertainty and sadness.
 Leader: Show us:
People: That all our shadows need not be fearsome; that it is our fears only which bring unwelcome darkness
 Leader: Guide us:
People: Into your paradise which calls us forward, and in finding your perfect peace which lies within us.
 Leader: Grant to us:
People: A richer awareness of hope which you have sent to us in Jesus.

Diminishing of the Light
Moments of Silent Reflection

The Shadow of Death

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46

Luke 23:44-49

Rev. Randy Blanton

Litany of Response

Leader: Open our eyes, Lord;
People: The shadow of the cross encompasses all our world.
 Leader: Lift our hearts, Lord.
People: Help us to bear the tragic burden of these moments.
 Leader: Stir our souls, Lord;
People: That we may pursue with renewed strength the paths you have laid for us.
 Leader: Direct our minds, Lord;
People: Beyond the dimness into a fuller understanding of your will.
 Leader: Lead us, Lord;
People: That we need not grope through the darkness to lay our commitment before you.

Combined Choirs

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

-arr. by Gilbert Martin

Diminishing of the Light

Silent Recessional

(All may depart in silence.)

Worship Leaders

Rev. Randy Blanton - Pastor, Aldersgate United Methodist Church
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