

The Shadow of Responsibility

"Woman, here is your son...here is your mother." John 19:26, 27

John 19:23-27
Hymn UMH 287

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

Rocky Lutz
SELENA

Litany of Response

Leader: Lord, we too would be a part of your family;

People: We wish to share your closeness and your love with all people.

Leader: May we see that the path of true concern for others

People: Leads to greater responsibility than casual interest can convey.

Leader: May we learn by Christ's example to love others as we love ourselves;

People: Accepting the worst we find in others and in ourselves; rejoicing in the best we know of others and of ourselves.

Leader: Support us in accepting what you choose for us;

People: Strengthen us in dispelling our selfishness when we seek only that which we choose for ourselves.

Leader: Encourage us to work earnestly

People: Toward the unity of all peoples.

Diminishing of the Light

Moments of Silent Reflection

The Shadow of Betrayal

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

Matthew 27:45-46
Hymn UMH 288

Were You There

Ella Brown
WERE YOU THERE

Litany of Response

Leader: Lord, we would never forsake you and flee!

People: Yet in our daily confusion we sometimes forget you.

Leader: Lord, we would never condemn you, shouting "Crucify!"

People: Although we have allowed evil to be done in our name.

Leader: Lord, we would never deny you, saying "I do not know the man!"

People: But we have avoided opportunities to cry against injustice.

Leader: Lord, we would never abandon you, sleeping when we are needed!

People: Yet we have stood by and watched others turning things to right.

Leader: Lord, we would never shut you out of our lives, unheeding to your voice!

People: When our own clamoring deafens our hearing, will you knock again, Lord Jesus?

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The Shadow of Need

"I am thirsty." John 19:28

John 19:28-29
Hymn UMH 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

Rev. David Lee
WONDROUS LOVE

Litany of Response

Leader: Lord of life:

People: We need a fuller understanding of life's meaning in our own existence.

Leader: Lord of creation:

People: We need vision that enables us to see the creation of your kingdom upon earth.

Leader: Lord of redemption:

People: We need to feel the power of your redeeming love in our daily living.

Leader: Lord of consolation:

People: We need the comforting assurance of your presence.

Leader: Lord of love:

People: We need within our hearts the perfection of your love; that we may prepare to do your will and fulfill the command of Jesus.

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The Shadow of Suffering

"It is finished." John 19:30

John 19:30
Central Choir

Behold the Lamb of God

Rev. Carrie Carpenter
-John H. Behnke

Litany of Response

Leader: Lord, what is finished?

People: As this day ends, the darkness surrounds us. Give us light.

Leader: Lord, can there be an end to suffering?

People: We suffer in our selfish conflict. Send us peace.

Leader: Lord, can there be an end to sorrow?

People: We sorrow in our helplessness. Show us joy.

Leader: Lord, can there be an end to pain?

People: The pain of evil returns to haunt us. Grant us forgiveness.

Leader: Lord, can there be an end to our strife?

People: The urgency to build your kingdom is overpowering. Establish your love.

Leader: Lord, can this day be an end, or a beginning?

People: Sustain our hope through him who is the end and the beginning.

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