

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

April 6, 2007

7:30 p.m.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 22

The Reverend Faith

Link

Leader: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
People: Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
Leader: O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer;
People: and by night, but find no rest.
Leader: Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
People: In You our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.
Leader: To You they cried, and were saved;
ALL: in You they trusted, and were not put to shame.

Hymn #188 (RIL)
PICARDY

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Verses 1 & 2

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Judy

Iselin

Leader: See, My Servant shall prosper;
People: He shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
Leader: Just as there were many who were astonished at Him –
People: so marred was His appearance, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of mortals –
Leader: so He shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him;
People: for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Leader: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the Arm of the LORD been revealed?
People: For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
Leader: He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.
People: He was despised and rejected by others; a Man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
Leader: and as one from whom others hide their faces He was despised,
People: and we held Him of no account.
Leader: Surely He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
People: yet we accounted Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
Leader: But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
People: upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed.
Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
People: and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
Leader: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth;
People: like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.
Leader: By a perversion of justice He was taken away.
People: Who could have imagined His future?
Leader: For He was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people.
People: They made His grave with the wicked and His tomb with the rich, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.
Leader: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him with pain. *(Pause)*
Leader: When You make His life an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring, and shall prolong His days;
People: through Him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Leader: Out of His anguish He shall see light;
People: He shall find satisfaction through His knowledge.
Leader: The righteous One, My Servant, shall make many righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.
People: Therefore I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong;
Leader: because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;
ALL: yet He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hymn #296 (RIL)
BRESLAU

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

Verses 1 & 2

Reading Hebrews 10:16-25 *John Williamson*
Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" (see insert)

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Silent Meditation

The Shadow of Betrayal John 18:1-12 *Herbert*
Wood
Hymn #285 (RIL) "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?" HERZLIEBSTER
JESU

The Shadow of Denial John 18:13-27 *Barbara*
Tannahill
Hymn #283 (RIL) "It Happened on that Fateful Night" TALLIS'
CANNON

The Shadow of the Trial John 18:28-40 *La Verne*
Linskey
Hymn #283 (RIL) "It Happened on That Fateful Night" TALLIS'
CANON

The Shadow of Rejection John 19:1-11 *Rug*
Howard
Hymn #285 (RIL) "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?" HERZLIEBSTER
JESU

The Shadow of Desertion John 19:12-18 *Wilma*
Matysek
Hymn #300 (RIL) "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION
CHORALE

The Shadow of the Crucifixion John 19:19-30 *Adele*
Wittenberg
Hymn #293 (RIL) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
HAMBURG

The Shadow of the Piercing John 19:31-37 *Steve*
Freeman
Hymn #293 (RIL) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
HAMBURG

The Shadow of the Tomb John 19:38-42 *Pat*
Chadwick
Hymn #201 (TH) "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" (see

OUR RESPONSE TO THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Confession of Faith The Apostle's Creed *The Reverend Faith Link*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell.

Removal of Christ Candle

Final Exhortation *The Reverend Cathy*

Gumpert

Leave in silence

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Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor
The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus