

TENEBRAE
The Service of Shadows

I

The Shadow of Betrayal
Matthew 26: 20-25 Richard Lepore

II

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest
Matthew 26: 36-50 Jeanne Kolb

III

The Shadow of Accusation
Matthew 27: 11-14, 20-23 Stan Lemons

IV

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation
Matthew 27: 31-43 Jan Aubin

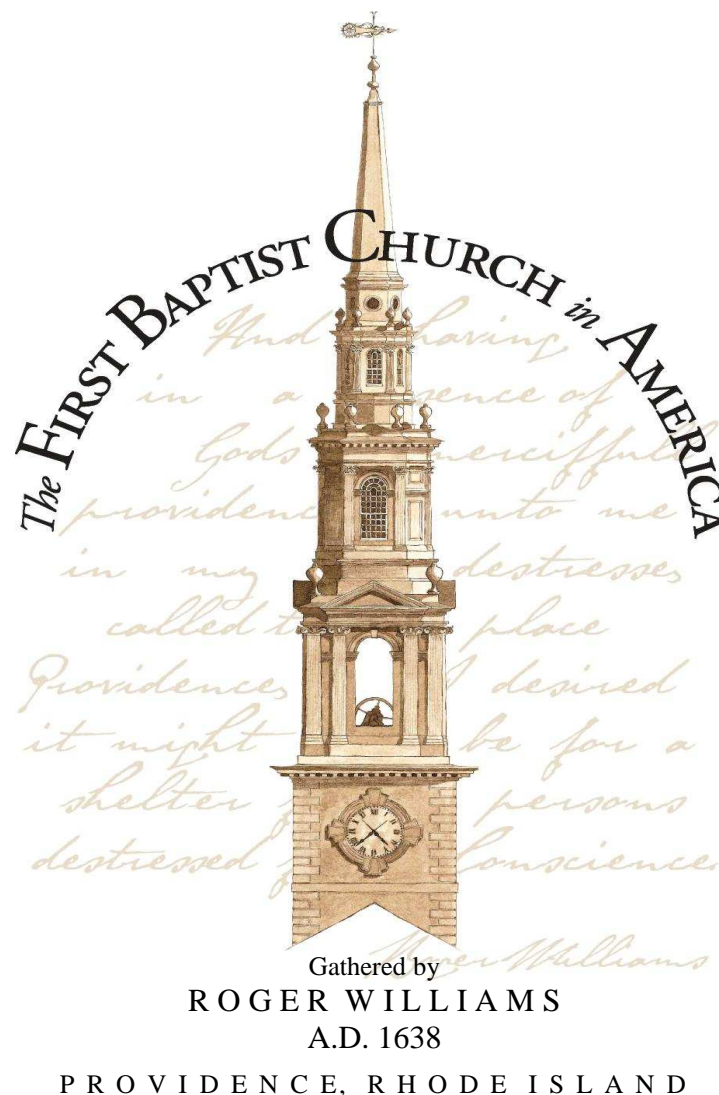
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The Shadow of Death
Matthew 27: 45-51, 54 David Coon

***HYMN** Were You There

THE PROMISE John 14: 18, 27
I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live....Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled; neither let them be afraid.

[There is no Benediction nor postlude because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please depart in silence.]



Maundy Thursday
April 02, 2015
Seven O'clock PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love" Improvisation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In remembrance we gather to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

People: **In remembrance we worship, lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.**

ALL: **In remembrance we feast, breaking the bread that makes us whole, drinking the cup that fills us with grace.**

***HYMN** What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

INVOCATION (Unison)

God of our lives, as we worship on this holy night, we ponder once again the ancient words of the prophet: *...wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, healed by his stripes.* We ponder how his love and sacrifice can heal our lives today, and heal this troubled world. Hold your church close this week as we think deeply about his last meal, his last hours of suffering, his unbearable pain, his cry of dereliction, his giving of his life into your hands. Let us complete this year's Lenten journey by tasting his suffering before rejoicing in his triumph. We pray in his noble name: Our Father....

READING OF PSALM 116: 12-19

ANTHEM "Pavonne" (Issac Watts) Andrea Klouse

GOSPEL READING John 13: 3-17 Ruth Marris Macaulay

***COMMUNION HYMN** Tis Midnight; and On Olive's Brow

COMMUNION MEDITATION Thomas R. McKibbens

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Leader: Jesus said, *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.*

People: ***Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.***

Leader: *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,*

People: ***If you have love for one another.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Loving God, we thank you for the nourishment you give us: for this bread and for the fruit of the vine. We thank you that you do not leave us alone, but you act to empower us to be your faithful people. We consecrate the bread and wine to be signs of your renewed covenant with us, and we ask that we may ever be faithful, until the coming of your final peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE (Please come forward to receive communion)

UNISON PRAYER:

We thank you, O God, that in communion you have given us the memorial of the passion of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant us so to reverence the sacred memory of his suffering that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of his sacrificial love. We thank you for refreshing and renewing our life with this meal. We praise you for nourishing our lives with the gracious gift of Christ for us all. Amen.