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GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

"The only One named Savior died upon a cross. The ones who believed and loved huddle together stunned. All night long the angels weep." Ann Weems, Kneeling in Jerusalem, c1992

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

A cradle and a cross and between these ---a life.

Bethlehem and Jerusalem---a birth and a death.

Why did one so faithful and loving have to face the agony of rejection and death?

Tonight let us feel the meaning of that life.

The beauty of that love.

And the power of that cross as we hear the passion story.

INVOCATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, on this day we gather to remember with love and tears the suffering and death of Jesus. We believe that this despised and rejected man of sorrows has borne our grief and died to give us new life, to restore relationships and reveal the power and promise of God's Love. We come together tonight repenting of our individual sins and recommitting our lives to strive to bring love, healing and hope to the world.

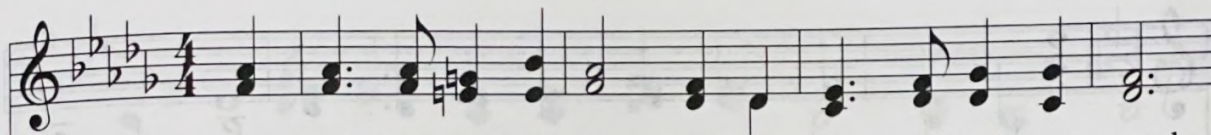
Amen.

HYMN#197

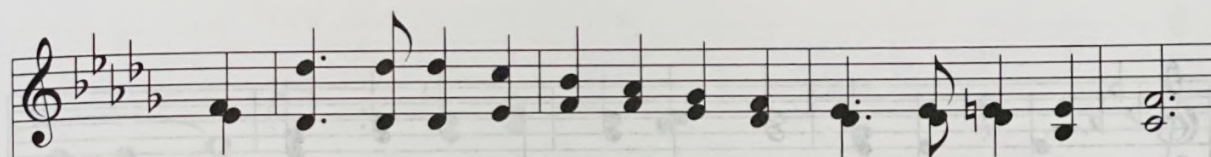
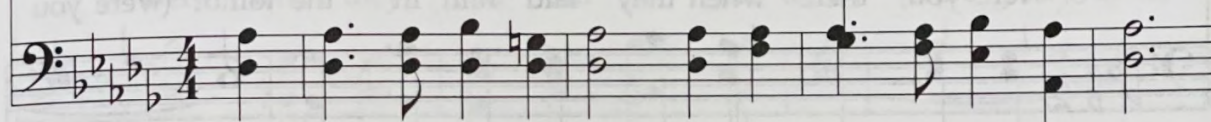
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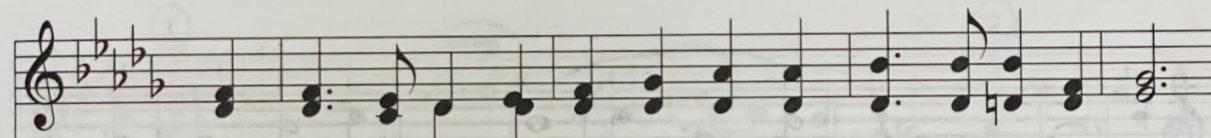
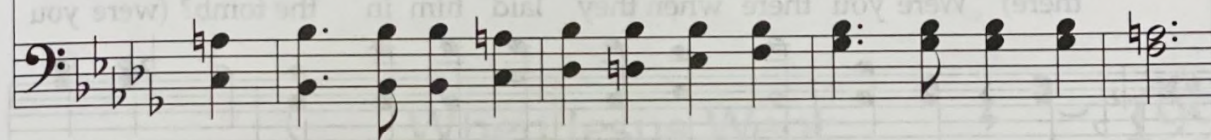
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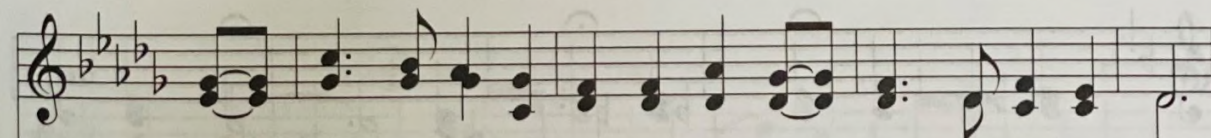
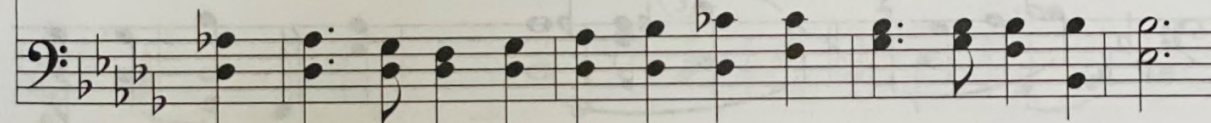
1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



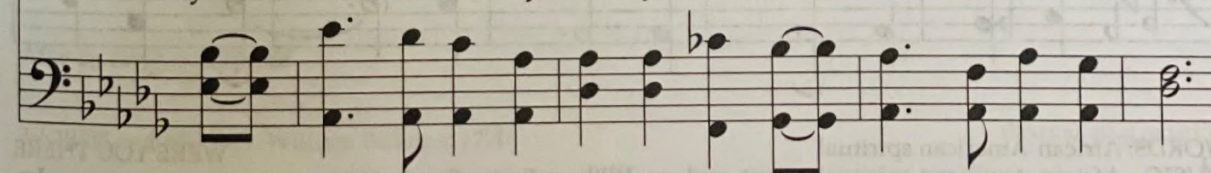
the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Grace, our lives have become broken: a collection of loose ends, tarnished glories and unfulfilled dreams! We have not kept our eyes on your saving dross. We have not listened with undivided attention to your voices. We have not sought your presences among the destitute and powerless. Stretch our boundaries, stir our hearts and inflame our souls to behold you in every fragment of life, to feel you in every moment of time and to serve you with joy. in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE#305

"Listen to Your Children Praying"

305 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your spir-it
in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!

1 (optional) Final

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: 'Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. grace!'. The score includes a first ending marked '1 (optional)' and a final ending marked 'Final'.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our sins....)

RESPONSE#569

"Jesus Remember Me"

Jesus, Remember Me 569

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.
Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

LUKE 23:42

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom. Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.'. The score includes a reference to 'LUKE 23:42'.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

arr. Mark Hayes

Chad Willis, piano

Praise God for sending us the light.

For Christ who makes our darkness bright.

Between the cradle and the cross

A life lived for the poor and lost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

SPECIAL MUSIC OR hymn *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* p. 195

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 195

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Readings from the four Gospels.

Readers:

Lauri Buck

Randa Niederhaurer

Stan Niederhauser

Pastor Karen

First Reading Preparation of Passover		Luke 22:7-13
Second Reading Shadow of Betrayal		Matthew 26:20-25
Third Reading Desertion		Matthew 26:31-35
Fourth Reading Agony of the Soul	<i>"Were You There?" (vs. 1)</i>	Luke 22:39-44
Fifth Reading Gethsemane		Mark 14:32-36
Sixth Reading Keep Awake	<i>"Were You There?" (vs. 1)</i>	Mark 14:37-41
Seventh Reading The Hour is Come		John 17:1-6
Eight Reading That They May All Be One		John 17:15-22
Ninth Reading Arrest in the Garden	<i>"Were You There?" (vs. 1)</i>	John 18:1-5
Tenth Reading The Kiss		Mark 14:44-50
Eleventh Reading Shadow of the Cross	<i>"Were You There?" (vs. 2)</i>	Mark 15:16-20
Twelfth Reading It is Finished		John 19:25-30
Jesus Placed in a Tomb The Burial of Jesus	<i>"Were You There?" (vs. 3)</i>	John 19:38-42
EXTINGUISH THE CHRIST CANDLE		
SILENT PRAYER/REFLECTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Just as I Am"</i>	arr. William Bradbury Chad Willis, piano