

GATHERING**Prayer of Preparation**

Lord God, on this haunting holy day we come to the place of the skull, the place of the cross, the place of our salvation. In the face of such suffering, show us the face of our Savior. In the shadow of such evil, show us the light of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME**PRELUDE****Behold the Cross****B. Hurd**

Behold the cross on which was hung life's very Lord, God's only Son; Mary's own babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary hill. Nails in his hands, nails in his feet, a traitor kiss upon his cheek; and his pierced heart, broken in two, love crucified for me and for you. Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear, lips that deny the friend once so dear; slowly he turns and captures your eye, then passes on to Calv'ry to die. Behold the cross of Christ in our midst: all those who bear his wounds in their flesh. Suffring for crimes of mercy and peace, signs of the kingdom on Calvary street. Behold the cross on which was hung life's very Lord, God's darling One; Mary's own babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary hill.

PRAYER*** HYMN 216****Beneath the Cross of Jesus****ST. CHRISTOPHER****THE SEVEN LAST WORDS****THE FIRST WORD: THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS****Luke 23:32-34**

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, we turn to you with amazed joy as forgiven people because Jesus prayed on the cross for us, for all people, for his enemies—those who were mocking him, beating him, and crucifying him.

And yet he prayed for forgiveness for us too. Lord, thank you!

Give us your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, so that this forgiveness will flow through us to others: those we live with every day, those who have especially wronged us, those we are tempted to fear or to hate. In the name of Jesus, who prayed for us.

Amen.

RESPONSE**Kyrie from Mass in Four Voices****W. Byrd**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

THE SECOND WORD: THE WORD OF SALVATION**Luke 23:39-43**

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, remember us, we pray; remember us now, today, and remember us when you come into the fullness of your kingdom. Thank you for the encouragement of your response to the thief on the cross: the promise of paradise, the promise of your presence – that we will be with you forever and that with you there is no forgetting. Amen.

* **HYMN 227**

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

Sing 3 times through.

THE THIRD WORD: THE WORD OF AFFECTION

John 19:25^b-27

^{25b} Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

Thank you, Lord God, for the good work that Jesus was performing even on the cross, creating a new community of love – the church;

A community bound together by the saving blood of Jesus, transcending all the barriers of national boundaries, of race, of culture, of language – one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

May we be true to Jesus' good work on the cross, loving and caring for one another in your church, whoever the brother or sister in Christ may be.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

RESPONSE

Ubi caritas

A. Snyder

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Likewise, therefore, when we come together let us be united as one. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

THE FOURTH WORD: THE WORD OF ANGUISH

Matthew 27:45-49

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER (In Unison)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul: that Jesus would take our place on the cross, experiencing the curse, the abandonment, the God-forsakenness warranted by our sin. Thank you, Lord, for Jesus' sacrifice so that we will always enjoy God's nearness and blessing. Amen.

* **HYMN 221**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

THE FIFTH WORD: THE WORD OF SUFFERING

John 19:28-29

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

O God! It breaks our hearts to think of the suffering and torment that Jesus went through on the cross. Jesus, the Living Water, suffering thirst—for us.

Jesus, the Righteous One, suffering the pangs of hell—for us.

May we on this day, again and again, drink deeply from the well of living water that began to flow when Jesus' blood was shed and his body was broken,

So that our lives may be refreshed even unto life eternal. Amen.

RESPONSE

Ave Verum

P. Stopford

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae, miserere nobis. Amen.

Hail, true body of Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood; Be our consolation in death's ordeal. O Jesu, sweet Jesu, O Jesu, holy Jesu, O Jesu, son of Mary, Have mercy upon us. Amen

THE SIXTH WORD: THE WORD OF CONTENTMENT

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER (In Unison)

Father of Jesus, our Father for Jesus' sake, we pray that the childlike awe and trust Jesus exhibited on the cross would become ours also. We pray that we will trust you no matter what, knowing that in your good, strong hands, we are eternally secure. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

* HYMN 212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

THE SEVENTH WORD: THE WORD OF VICTORY

John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

It is Finished from The Crucifixion

J. Stainer

He saith: "It is finished! Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." And he bowed His Head, and gave up the ghost.

PRAYER

Lord God, with Jesus' work completed on the cross, what is left but to give ourselves in gratitude to you?

And so we give ourselves to you—body and soul, all that we are, all that we have—as a living sacrifice of praise. We commit our spirits and our lives to you.

Receive us, accept this offering in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING

RESPONSE

Were You There?

SPIRITUAL

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence.

216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the 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 or 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.

TEXT: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868, alt.
 MUSIC: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

ST. CHRISTOPHER
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Jesus, Remember Me

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

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TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981

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REMEMBER ME
Irregular

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

TEXT: Latin, 12th or 13th cent.; trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830, alt.
MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

PASSION CHORALE
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212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and
 2 Was it for sins that I have done he
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and
 4 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the

did my Sov - ereign die! Would he de - vote that
 suf - fered on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
 shut its glo - ries in, when Christ, the great Re -
 debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I!
 Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 deem - er, died for hu - man crea - tures' sin.
 self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

Much like this author's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this more introspective treatment of Christ's crucifixion calls forth self-sacrifice from the beholder. It is set here to a tune that may well have originated as an 18th-century Scottish folk song.

THIS EVENING IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: John Callanan, Connor Drake, Gian Flores, Mark Hults, Amber Leonard, Abby Paul, Scott Stuart, John Mark Vondruska, Sam White

ELDER ON DUTY: Perry Foote

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

GOOD FRIDAY ENSEMBLE

SOLOISTS: Delaney Geiser, Campbell Graze, Marilyn Sharp

USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Mary Lou Schubert, Sarah Whitfield

AUDIO VISUAL TEAM: Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, Frank Counts, John Rayl

All of Holy Week points toward the passion – the death and resurrection of Christ. We are provided with an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy; to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter. Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by engaging in each step of this week's journey.

On Maundy Thursday we kept the feast that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night of his arrest, and we remembered his new commandment: to love one another even as he has loved us. This evening we turn to the cross, where Jesus gave his life for us and our salvation.

Holy Week at First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 19

Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

9:30 Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Gordon Hall

April 20 • Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

in the Sanctuary

with Holy Communion

choir, brass, and percussion

and 11 a.m. on our YouTube Channel

*The Prelude starts at 8:20 and 10:50 a.m.

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