



Second Presbyterian  
CHURCH OF CHARLESTON

**THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE - ALL ARE WELCOME**

*"Meeting people at their point of need, Inviting all into a dynamic relationship with Christ"*

April 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**



**PRELUDE**

"And Can It Be"

Dan Forrest, 2014

*Elise Pickford, guest musician*

*And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain— For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

-Charles Wesley, 1738

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**#223**

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

READING

THE FIRST WORD

Rev. Cress Darwin

*"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." - Luke 23:24*

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

Unison

Dear Lord, though we would believe that you have forgiven us, this truth needs to penetrate our hearts in new ways. Help us to know with fresh conviction that we are fully and finally forgiven, not because of anything we have done, but because of what you have done for us. May we live today as forgiven people, opening our hearts to you, choosing not to sin because you love us so. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Wondrous Love"  
Clarissa Rider, soloist

arr. Christiansen

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul; What wondrous love is this, O my soul,  
That caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

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READING

THE SECOND WORD

Joel Detweiler

*"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Luke 23:43*

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

Unison

Lord Jesus, how we wonder at your grace and mercy! When we cry out to you, you hear us. When we ask you to remember us when you come into your kingdom, you offer the promise of your presence. Your mercy embraces, encourages and heals us. O Lord, though our situation differs from the criminal who cried out to you, we are so like him – in need of mercy. Today we live, trusting you and you alone. Our lives, now and in the world to come, are in your hands. So we pray: Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom! Jesus, remember us today as we seek to live within your realm! Amen.

ANTHEM

"Jesus, Remember Me"  
*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

Taizé chant

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READING

THE THIRD WORD

Clarissa Rider

*"Woman, here is your son." - Mark 19:26*

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

Unison

Lord, the presence of your mother at the cross breaks our hearts. You are dying for the love of your created, yet you are also fully human -- a son with a mother. Thank you for loving us to your death. Because you have given us all that you are, we give you our praise, our love, our hearts . . . all that we are. All praise be to you, dear Jesus, fully God and fully human, Savior of the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate"  
*Jesu, Word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born. On the cross Thy sacred body for us with nails was torn.  
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side.  
Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony.*

Mozart

READING

THE FOURTH WORD

Lee Lingle

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" - Mark 15:34*

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

Unison

Lord Jesus God, though we can never fully grasp the horror of your isolation, every time we read this phrase we are overtaken. We thank you for how you love us. What can we do but to offer ourselves to you in praise and thanks.

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

#221

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

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READING

THE FIFTH WORD

Sarah Mitchell

*"I am thirsty." John 19:28*

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

Unison

Lord God, we acknowledge the searing thirst you endured as you assumed our humanness. Sweet Jesus, we, too, are thirsty for the new wine of your kingdom to flood our souls, that we might be refreshed by your living water. We yearn for your Spirit to fill us once again. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Th. Dubois

*Christ we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.  
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.*

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READING

THE SIXTH WORD

Julia Harlow

*"It is finished." - John 19:30*

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

Unison

Jesus, God - You did it. You finished that for which you had come, faithful in life to your death. You accomplished that which no one else could. All praise be to you, gracious Lord. All praise be to you, dear Jesus, for loving us so! Alleluia! Amen.

**ANTHEM**

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son,  
that those who believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

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**READING**

**THE SEVENTH WORD**

**Rev. Cress Darwin**

*“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Luke 23:46*

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**PRAYER**

**Unison**

**Gracious Lord, even as you once entrusted your Spirit into the hands of the Father, so we give our lives to you. We trust you and you alone. We submit to your sovereignty and will live for your glory. Because of your love we no longer despair. In your strength and compassion we live in hope. Amen.**

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**HYMN**

**Were You There?**

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)*

*Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)*

*Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)*

*Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)*

~ The Congregation Departs in Silence ~

**Please join us:**

**April 17, 10:30 am - Easter Sunday: Festival Easter Service of the Resurrection**

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