

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE - ALL ARE WELCOME

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

April 7, 2023 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE



PRELUDE

"Adagio" (from Oboe Concerto in D minor) Marcello / Bach Laura Diaz, guest violinist

*OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

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

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

J. Crüger/arr. Matheny

Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended, That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

"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

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 THIRD WORD Alex Treyz

"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" Mozart

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.

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READING THE FOURTH WORD Joel Dettweiler

"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.

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 Bill Jewell

"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 "And No Bird Sang" Douglas Wagner

Soloist: Joel Dettweiler

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky, when our Lord came to die Lone on the cross for our sins he did hang, and no bird sang.

Women and men with anguish and fear, then to his cross drew near; Hushed then to feel the bitter pang, and no bird sang.

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy, God's will be done, eleison.

No bird sang in the sky, when Christ did come to die.

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READING THE SIXTH WORD Amy King

"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. "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.

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 ~

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Please join us:

April 9, 10:30 am - Easter Sunday: Easter Service of the Resurrection

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