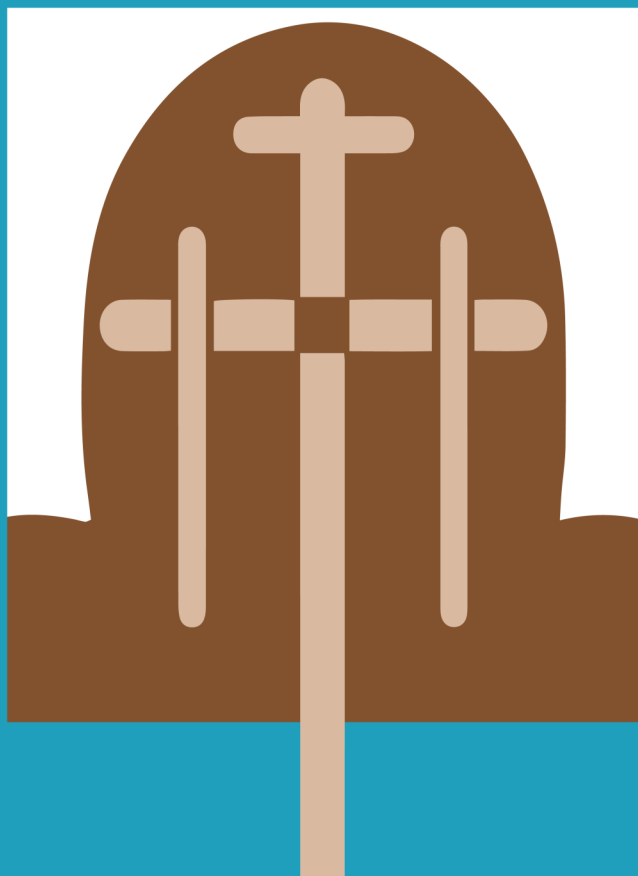


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MARCH 29, 2024
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
7:00 P.M.

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Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Order of Worship

~ The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship ~

Welcome

Prelude

Adagio

Samuel Barber

Introduction & Opening Prayer

Stations of the Cross

Prayer Response for each station:

...God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

***Because, by your holy cross,
you have redeemed the world.***

Station One: *Jesus is Condemned to Death*

Reading Mark 15:1-15

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you

call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

Station Two: *Jesus Takes Up His Cross*

Reading: Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Meditation & Prayer

Station Three: *Jesus Falls the First Time*

Reading: Isaiah 53:1

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

Station Four: *Jesus Meets His Mother*

Reading: Luke 2:22, 25, 34-35

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him...Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *The Crucifixion from Hermit Songs* S. Barber
Elaine Atallah, Soloist

Station Five: *Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross*

Reading: Mark 15:21

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

Station Six: *The Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus*

Reading: Matthew 25:35-36, 40

...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

...And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* arr. G. Custer
Chancel Choir

Station Seven: *Jesus Falls the Second Time*

Reading: Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

Station Eight: *Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem*

Reading: Luke 23:27-28

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Meditation & Prayer

Station Nine: *Jesus Falls a Third Time*

Reading: Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises, we are healed.

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response

Lamb of God
Sharon York, Soloist

Twila Paris

Station Ten: *Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes*

Reading: Mark 15:22-24

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

Meditation & Prayer

Station Eleven: *Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*

Reading: Luke 23: 35, 49

And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

Station Twelve: *Jesus Dies on the Cross*

Reading: **Luke 23:44-46**

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

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

Station Thirteen: *Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross*

Reading: **Mark 15:42-45**

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

Meditation & Prayer

Station Fourteen: *Jesus is Laid in the Tomb*

Reading: **Mark 15:46-47**

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

Meditation & Prayer

Sung Response *Were You There* #228

Sending Words

Please depart in silence.

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Music Ministry

Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

Chancel Choir

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Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

(Outdoors in the church courtyard)

Traditional Worship at 10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Youth Fundraiser



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Join us in the CLC for a delicious
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