

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

APRIL 19, 2019—7:00 PM



*TODAY, WE REMEMBER THE TURNING POINT OF THE WORLD,
THE DAY ON WHICH THE POWERS OF EVIL AND DEATH SEEM TO TRIUMPH FOREVER,
THE DAY ON WHICH LOVE IS CRUCIFIED AND DIES ...*

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 30, 2018

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johann Crüger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

*PRAYER

*HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This (vv. 1-2)

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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 dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful cruse 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!*

A PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

READING 1:

The Betrayal of Jesus
John 18:1-11

Don Rice

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "For whom are you looking?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he", they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "For whom are you looking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

CHORAL RESPONSE

When Jesus Wept

A.F. Schultz, arr.

Quartet: Brianna Cunningham, clarinet; Amari Jimenez, flute; Scott Johnson and Kareem West, tenors

*O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love, we crucified; we laughed and scorned him as he died;
the humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

Refrain

*I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.*

Refrain

READING 10:

Jesus is Buried
John 19:38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jewish leaders, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

DISMISSAL

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Burnetta Armour, Pastor
Mary Anne Taylor and Leslie Goldsmith, Pianists
Bryant Hand, Interim Organist
Scott Johnson, Interim Choir Director

READING 8:

The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

Mary Anne Taylor

John 19:16b-27

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews', but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews'". Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did.

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Were You There (vv. 1-2)

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

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

READING 9:

Jesus Dies

Burnetta Armour

John 19:28-30

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), "I am thirsty." 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. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So, they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

Congregational Response

Your Only Son (Lamb of God)

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*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk along this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!*

READING 2:

The Arrest of Jesus

Linda Handyside

John 18:12-14

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the other Jewish leaders that it was better to have one person die for the people.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 1 and 2)

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*Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel that tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

*Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and that gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.*

READING 3:

Simon Peter Denies Jesus

Johnny Jackson

John 18:15-18

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ah, Holy Jesus (vv. 1-2)

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*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O must afflicted!*

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.*

READING 4:

Jesus Stands Trial Before the High Priest

Mimi Gentry

John 18:19-24

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (v.1)

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*Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!*

READING 5:*Peter Denies Jesus Again
John 18:25-27*

Dylan Burch

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*Ah, Holy Jesus (v.3)*

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**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For our atonement we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

READING 6:*Jesus Before Pilate
John 18:28-38*

Jane McCandless

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*Go to Dark Gethsemane (v.3)*

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**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet,
mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

READING 7:*Jesus Sentenced to Death
John 18:39-19:16a*

Mike Handyside

After Pilate had said this, he went to the religious authorities again, and told them, "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The religious authorities answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it

had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the religious authorities cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gab'·ba·tha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the religious authorities, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." They handed him over to them to be crucified.

ANTHEM*For God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

This is the cross that held up the Savior of the world.

Come, let us worship God.

This is the cross that held up the Savior of the world.

Come, let us worship God.

O my people, my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me!

I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,

but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial

and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by

the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you the branches of the vine and

never left your side, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the

covenant in my blood, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal

life, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in

my name, and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a

sign of my love, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the

tree of life, but you made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have made a cross

for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have made a cross for your

Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.