

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday

April 14, 2017

10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

Musical Prelude:

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship (responsive):

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Gathering Hymn: *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* (N.B.P. #208)

A Litany for Good Friday (responsive):

Our Savior now enters the valley of the shadow of death where evil waits in savage glee.
Lord, hold your child in your arms, even as his arms, stretched wide on a cross, embrace us.

Our Savior submits now to the worst that all the powers of earth and hell can array against him.
Lord, hold your child in your arms even as his arms, stretched wide on a cross, embrace us.

Our Savior suffers by human wiles twisted in torture, yet intercedes on behalf of the good of all.
Lord, hold your child in your arms even as his arms, stretched wide on a cross, embrace us.

Though we stand at a distance, we pray with our Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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Open their eyes to your presence with them so that they can trust that when they pass through the waters, they will not overwhelm them but wash them in your eternal love.

Gather up all these prayers, our Intercessor and Advocate, and further those that are in accord with your holy will. When they are answered in ways beyond our comprehension, keep us tethered to you in our disappointment and dismay.

May we continue in prayer for all those who cannot pray and for those who have no one praying for them.

These things we ask in Jesus' name, praying as he taught us ...

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Choir Anthem: *"Who is He?"*

Violin: Heidi Bowman

Scripture: Luke 23:26-31 – Jesus taken to Cross and Simon helps him

Kyrie

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.

Silent Meditation

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43 – Jesus on the Cross

Kyrie

SEVENTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.

Hymn: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* (N.B.P. #231)

Silent Meditation

Scripture: Luke 23:44-49 – Darkness and commending his spirit

CHRIST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.

Kyrie

Silent Meditation

Hymn: *“Were You There”* (N.B.P. #233: vv 1,2,3,5)

Silent Meditation

Charge

Hymn: *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* (N.B.P. #238)

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Hymn: *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* (N.B.P. #239: vv 1,2)

Scripture: Luke 22:66-23:7 – Jesus before the Council and first time before Pilate

Kyrie

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.

Silent Meditation

Scripture: Luke 23:8-12 – Jesus before Herod

Kyrie

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.

Hymn: *“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”* (N.B.P. #205)

(vv 1,3,6)

Scripture: Luke 23:13-25 – Jesus taken back to Pilate

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-12

Kyrie

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.

Prayers of Intercession (responsive):

For creation groaning under the weight of sin,

May all creatures come to praise you in glory.

For those who are in positions of authority over others,
Grant them your wisdom and the courage to govern in accordance with your holy rule.

For those who are suffering in mind and body,
Comfort them like a mother soothes a hurting child, and heal them as they rest in your everlasting love.

For those who mourn great loss,
Grant them resurrection hope and communion with the saints.

For those who cannot trust you,
May your gospel of peace draw them home unto your faith.

For those preparing for baptism, profession of faith, or renewal in your Kingdom,

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We pray for all in the world who know the trauma of death's ever-stalking presence and destruction's delight in feeding upon our fear.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all who scoff at this cross because they have been wounded by it or because they do not understand.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

We pray for ourselves, who choose to stand at a distance, afraid to enter into the full mystery of your redemptive power.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

In this trembling hour of terror, O God, grant us faith:

that we may continue to trust in your presence, even when defeat and despair triumph.

In this hour of dread, grant us hope:

that, though our Lord is dead and buried, his spirit of compassion may remain with us.

Through your grace, help us to believe:

that your faithfulness will triumph even when our faith flees and darkness rules the day.

This we ask through Christ, your Son, our brother and Lord.

All: Amen.

Hymn: *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

(N.B.P. #230)

Scripture: Luke 22:39-54a – Gethsemane and Betrayal

Kyrie (responsive):

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.

Hymn: *"Rock of Ages"*

(N.B.P. #240: vv 1,3,4)

Scripture: Luke 22:54b-65 – Peter's Denial

Kyrie (as above)

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED.