

Good Friday

S E R V I C E

April 14, 2017
7:30 p.m.

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† Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Bernard Wayne Sanders
Jennifer Yang

INTROIT

Ah, Holy Jesus

Sarah A Michal

*Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!* No. 289

*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!*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: The night is as silent as death.

**People: Gone are the loud hosannas
sung by children in the streets.**

Leader: The dishes remain unwashed in the upper room.

**People: The dregs from Jesus' cup have turned sour,
the crumbs from Jesus' plate have grown stale.**

Leader: Thirty pieces of silver buy the betrayal of a friend.

**People: Three questions in a courtyard shatter pledges
of loyalty and love.**

Leader: The cock crows; the whip cracks; the hammer falls.

People: Heaven weeps as innocent blood is spilt.

All: The night is as silent as death.

† OPENING HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

No. 286

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Mike Laba

Elusive One, suffering is a bottomless well.

Where do you go when all hope fades?

**Where do you hide when grief and pain
strip us of everything we hold dear?**

**We seek your presence and turn to you for rescue,
only to bear the excruciating emptiness
of your absence.**

**Your ways are beyond us, mysterious One,
cloaking us like a funeral shroud.**

**Be with us when all lights go out
and we stumble blindly in the dark.**

Be with us, even when we deny and betray you. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we cannot get through this night alone.

Help us remain faithful in the midst of our betrayals and denials.

Help us stay awake during our times of trial, when our sweat flows like rivers of blood.

Forgive us when we wash our hands of our culpability in the face of folly and evil.

May we feel, in the marrow of our bones, the depth of our own frailty.

Help us acknowledge the razor's edge that separates hope from despair in a world filled with so much pain. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER/REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Out of Christ's anguish, we shall see light. Our of Christ's suffering, we shall touch the mystery of love and grace that pours from the inexhaustible heart of God. In His grace, you are forgiven and made whole.

People: In His grace, we are forgiven and made whole.

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love
Chancel Choir

Steve Pilkington

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Dr. Cho

Faithful God, as your word is proclaimed, we pray for purity of heart, mind, and action. Through the gift of your message, breathe your Spirit within our lives, in the name of the one who came to embody your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:1-12

Mike Laba

Who has believed what we have heard?

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

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

**he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

**and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.**

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.**

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,

**and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

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.**

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

**For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.**

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,

**although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

**The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.**

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

**because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;**

yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

“The Ultimate Sacrifice”

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

† HYMN

Were You There?

No. 288

(Chancel Choir men sing verse one; congregation joins on verse two.)

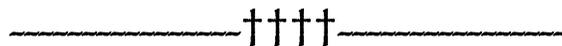
Jesus’ Seven Last Words on the Cross

(Dramatic Reading of the Passion story)

Pearl Ontalan

After a brief time of silence, you may come to the communion rail for personal prayer or leave in silence.

Go in peace.



Easter Services

We will celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection with two inspiring worship services this Sunday.

Early Morning Easter Service at 7:30 a.m. on the Green

Our friends from the Market Street Mission will also join us, and have invited us back to the mission for Easter breakfast following the service. Pastor Brandon will preach and lead in songs.

Glorious Easter Service at 10:15 a.m.

Featuring our wonderful choirs and brass ensemble.
Pastor Brandon preaching.

Join us and invite your friends and neighbors!!