

Good Friday April 2, 2021 7:00 pm

The community was divided, and Jesus' life was near its end. Tonight, we feel the pain of division and conflict, and our own failure that sent Jesus to the cross.

We gather in silence

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Steadfast God, Your son followed the path that was set before him, knowing that it would lead to a death sentence. Hold a mirror up to our divided world so that we might truly see how our resistance to love separates us from one another. Receive our prayer for the sake of Jesus. Amen**

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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**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.**

**How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

**Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.**

PSALM

Psalm 31:1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lamentations

Madigan

cello: Lonnie Timney; guitar: Brian Madigan

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
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;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

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

Early hasten to the tomb, where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:32-47

HOMILY

Pastor Pam Challis

HYMN

Were You There?

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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 when they nailed him to the tree?
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 when they laid him in the tomb?
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 when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

LITANY OF THE CROSS

Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored.

You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world. The weight of your cross was the weight of our sins which make us stumble and fall.

Although you suffered, you still reached out to care for your mother. As you struggled to bear your cross to Calvary, a passerby was drafted to help you.

Others also took risks to comfort you. Your pain and our sin weighed heavily upon you as you stumbled along the way.

Your suffering on the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep. The full burden of our sin crushed you mightily to the earth.

Stripped and jeered, you endured humiliation without complaint. Nailed to the cross, you took your place among the condemned.

When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to God, and God did not forsake you. Faithful friends and loving women took loving care of your lifeless body.

In the tomb you were laid, and from the tomb you arose.

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

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**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most 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.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.**

**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.**

PRAYER OF DECLARATION

Let us pray: **Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified by faith, washed clean of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us. Help us to bear our cross in this world and follow you until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

HYMN

Stay with Me

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The musical score for the hymn "Stay with Me" is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and" are written below the treble staff. The second system also consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics "pray. Watch and pray." are written below the treble staff. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature.