

# Good Friday Service

## April 7, 2023

### Welcome

### Centring Music: Were You There

*African American Spiritual, arranged by Mark Hayes*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship

### Hymn: O Sacred Head (Voices United 145, vs. 1, 2 & 3)

*Words: Paul Gerhardt 1656; trans. James Waddell Alexander 1830, et al.*

*Music: Hans Leo Hassler 1601; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach 1729*

1 O sacred head, sore wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown:  
how art thou pale with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does that visage languish,  
which once was bright as morn!

2 Thy grief and bitter passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the cruel pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour,  
turn not from me thy face;  
but look on me with favour,  
and grant to me thy grace.

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

### Prayer

Anthem: He Was Crucified

*Gordon Young*

Homily: "The Crosses We Bear"

### The Passion of the Christ

Father, Forgive Them

*music by Pepper Choplin*

**Matthew 27: 11-26** - Father, forgive them (*extinguish a Lenten candle*)

**Mark 15: 16-20** – Father, forgive them (*extinguish a Lenten candle*)

**Mark 15: 21-25** – Father, forgive them (*extinguish a Lenten candle*)

**John 19: 25-27** – Father, forgive them (*extinguish a Lenten candle*)

**Mark 15: 33-41**- Father, forgive them (*extinguish the Christ Candle*)

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus** (Voices United 135)

*Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane 1868, alt.; Music: Frederick Charles Maker 1881*

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand:  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within the wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and the burden of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus  
my eyes at times can see  
the very dying form of one  
who suffered there for me;  
and from my smitten heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess,  
the wonder of his glorious love,  
and my unworthiness.
- 3 I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face,  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.

**Sending Forth**

Let us go forth into a hurting world, aware of loss, betrayal, suffering and tragedy. Keenly aware of darkness and death, let us resolve to resist the powers of evil, apathy and empire.

**So we go, knowing the terror of crucifixion and injustice of popular opinion. We go, uncertain and unsure, knowing only that Easter and good news will follow somehow.**

While we wait for the promise that is to come, we bear a cross of discipleship and discernment. We go into God's good Friday. Amen.

**Draping of the Chancel**

*The service ends in silence. Please stay as long as you wish and leave when you are ready.*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons  
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