

Good Friday Worship May 29, 2024 / 6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

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Gathering

Call to Worship

We enter into a holy place through the new and living way opened for us by Jesus Christ.

We come as a holy people – born of the grace of Jesus Christ, delivered through his blood.

Let us worship the Lord.

Litany of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess to you: like sheep, we all go astray. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. We betray you; we deny you; like sheep, we all go astray. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. We mock you; we scorn you; like sheep, we all go astray. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. We abandon you; we forsake you; like sheep, we all go astray. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. We condemn you; we crucify you; like sheep, we all go astray. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. We condemn you; we crucify you; like sheep, we all go astray. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

- Hymn 228 Were You There? WERE YOU THERE
 Prayer for Guidance We stand near the cross, O God – disturbed, distraught, discouraged. Yet, we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this day let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Psalm Hymn 210 Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me Psalm 22

A Reading from the Prophets

Isaiah 53:3-9

DISTRESS

The Passion according to saint mark

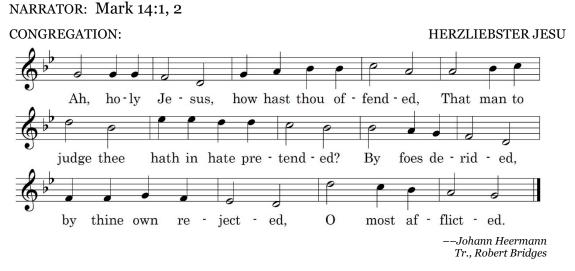
by Ronald A. Nelson

TENOR SOLO AND CHOIR:

A way to Calvary leadeth From dark Gethsemane. May everyone behold him Who weary walks that way. The way doth lead to perfect bliss, But a way of pain it is. In nameless woe our Savior Here passed with troubled breath. His heart of tender mercy That day was pierced to death. The way doth lead to perfect bliss, But a way of pain it is.

With nails and spearpoint wounded, He down to death must go, But from those wounds abundant, The streams of life will flow. The way doth lead to perfect bliss, but a way of pain it is.

--C. G. Liander Tr., Olav Lee



NARRATOR: Mark 14:3-9

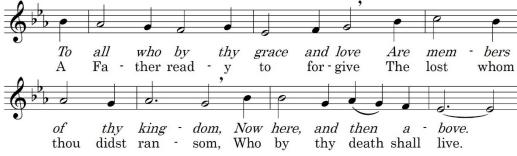
ALTO SOLO:

All that I was, my sin, my guilt, My death, was all my own; All that I am, I owe to thee, My gracious God, alone. The darkness of my former state, The bondage, all was mine; The light of life in which I walk, The liberty, is thine.

Thy grace first made me feel my sin, It taught me to believe; Then, in believing, peace I found, And now I live, I live!

--Horatius Bonar





––Frans M. Franzén Tr., Olof Olsson

NARRATOR: Mark 14:17-21 MEZZO-SOPRANO SOLO: But O, before thy Word, dear Lord, The prince of darkness trembles! He quails before that two-edged Sword When thine armed host assembles! O mighty Word, how great thy power! Thou art our Refuge, Shield, and Tower. --Anna Hoppe NARRATOR: Mark 14:22-25 CHOIR: O WELT ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN harm. J.S. Bach O Bread of Life from heaven, To weary pilgrims given, O Manna from above! The souls that hunger feed thou, The hearts that seek thee lead thou, With thy most sweet and tender love. CONGREGATION: harm. F. Melius Christiansen P 0 Fount of 0 Grace deem - ing, Riv - er re ev - er 0 From Je - sus' ho - ly side! Come stream ing 0 thou thy - self thirst - ing and be stow ing On souls, • flow _ ing Till all their sat - is - fied. wants are ––Latin Hymn Tr., Philip Schaff

NARRATOR: Mark 14:26-31

CONGREGATION: MARYTON How shall I cop - y How shall low him serve? 1. Ι fol -Ι 2. 0 me think how thou didst leave Un - tast - ed ev - ery let 3. Thou cam-est not thy-To Faint, to grieve, to die for me! from those him Ι love? bless - ed foot Nor steps swerve. grieve. pure de - light To fast. to faint, to watch to self please: And, dear earth-ly com - forts be. to as Which lead to his bove? me seat a The toil some day, the home less night: Shall Ι thee than these? not love more --Josiah Conder

NARRATOR: Mark 14:32-36

ALTO SOLO WITH CHOIR:

"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done." No greater words than these can pass from human lips, than these which rent their way through agony and bloody sweat, and broke the silence of Gethsemane to save the world from sin.

--G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

NARRATOR: Mark 14:37-43

CHOIR:

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."

--from Psalm 2

NARRATOR: Mark 14:44.50 CONGREGATION:

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HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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––Johann Heermann Tr., Robert Bridges

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NARRATOR: Mark 14:51-65

CHOIR:

Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evil doers, sons who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord. They have despised the Holy One; they have despised the Lord of Israel. They are utterly estranged. "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?" saith the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings, of rams, and the fat of fed beasts. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doing from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good. Ah, sinful nation, wash yourselves. Make yourselves clean."

--adapted from Isaiah 1

NARRATOR: Mark 14:66-72

NARRATOR: Mark 15:1-5

BASS SOLO:

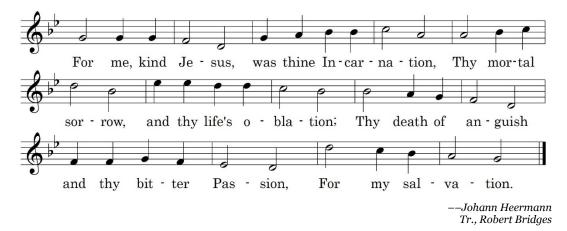
Out of the depths I cry to thee. Lord, hear my voice! Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication! I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word do I hope.

--adapted from Psalm 130

CONGREGATION: DANA our friends, to save us, Could or would have shed his blood? Which of all Teach us, Lord, grace our hearts to soft - en! at length to love. for 0 Sav-ior died to Rec - on-ciled But this have us in him to God: We. a las, for - get too of - ten What a Friend we have a - bove: ο This was bound-less love in-deed: Je-sus Friend in need. is a But when home our souls are brought. We will love thee we ought. as --John Newton

CONGREGATION:

HERZLIEBSTER JESU



NARRATOR: Mark 15:14-15

CHOIR:

Scourged with unrelenting fury For the sins which we deplore, By his livid stripes he heals us, Raising us to fall no more; All our bruises gently soothing, Binding up the bleeding sore.

NARRATOR: Mark 15:16-20

CHOIR:

Jesus, may those precious fountains Drink to thirsting souls afford: Let them be our present healing, And at length our full reward; So a ransomed world shall ever Praise thee, its redeeming Lord.

-- Claude de Santeüil

NARRATOR: Mark 15:21-26

CHOIR:

O WELT ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

O world, see here suspended, His loving arms extended, Thy Savior on the Cross! The Prince of Life is willing, All righteousness fulfilling, To suffer anguish, scorn, and loss.

> ––Paul Gerhardt Tr., Anna Hoppe

NARRATOR: Mark 15:27-32

- CONGREGATION: PASSION CHORLE 0 Sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down. What lan-guage shall Ι bor - row To thank thee, dear est Friend, 0. scorn-ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, thine Now on - ly crown; For this, thy dy-ing sor - row, Thy pit with - out end? y 0 Sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was thine! 0 make me thine for er, And should I faint - ing ev be, Yet, though de - spised and call thee go -Ι mine. ry, joy to er Out-live my love Lord, let nev thee. me nev - er, to --Bernard of Clairvaux Paul Gerhardt Tr., James W. Alexander
- NARRATOR: Mark 15:33-39

(Silence is kept at the mention of Jesus' death.)

♦ CHOIR:

"Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

--Mark 15:39b [KJV]

CHOIR:

- O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, Save us, merciful Lord God!
- O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, Hear us, merciful Lord God!
- O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, Give us thy peace and blessing. Amen.

--Agnus Dei

Prayers of Intercession

O Lord, do not be far away O God, come quickly to help us.

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Let us depart in silence as we consider the Love that would die for us.

Special thanks are due to the Chancel Choir and soloists for their preparation for this service.

We gratefully acknowledge the musicians of the Chamber Orchestra, along with Rev. T.J. Parlette, for accompanying the Passion setting.

Strings: Julie Workman, Dwight Jennings, Sarah Rusin, Kay Tate, Blake Bonde

Woodwinds: Donivan Hill, Brian Burkett, Janine Yanisch, Katie Kuisle

Trumpet: Ellis Workman