

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## GOOD FRIDAY

April 10, 2020

### *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke*

#### PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

*Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott*, BWV 721 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Have mercy on me, Lord my God, of kindness thou hast ever more,  
Cleanse my offenses with thy blood, I own my sin, it grieves me sore.  
I've sinned against thy whole command, this truth confronts me constantly;  
Before thee, evil cannot stand, and thou art just to punish me.

(Based on Psalm 51, Erhart Hegenwalt, 1524)

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed what he has heard from us? 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, 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; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

# HYMN FOR THE PEOPLE

Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

John B. Dykes, 1823-1876



1. O come and mourn with me a - while;  
2. Have we no tears to shed for him,  
3. How fast his hands and feet are nailed;  
4. Come, let us stand be - neath the cross;



O come ye to the Sav - ior's side;  
while sol - diers scoff and Jews de - ride?  
his throat with par - ching thirst is dried;  
so may the blood from out his side



O come, to - ge - ther let us mourn;  
Ah! Look how pa - tient - ly he hangs;  
his fail - ing eyes are dimmed with blood.  
fall gent - ly on us drop by drop.



Je - sus, our Lord, is cru - ci - fied!

5. Sev'n times he spake, sev'n words of love;  
And all three hours his silence cried;  
For mercy on the souls of men;  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!
6. A broken heart, a fount of tears,  
Ask, and they will not be denied;  
Lord Jesus, may we love and weep,  
Since thou for us art crucified!

## ENTRANCE PRAYER

Minister: Blessed be our God. Forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## LESSON ONE

Luke 22:39-53

### *Jesus and his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane*

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

# CHORAL HYMN

*Go to Dark Gethsemane* – arr. Leland Sateren (1913-2007)

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

View the Lord of life arraigned, Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
"It is finished," hear him cry, learn of Jesus Christ to die.  
Go to dark Gethsemane: "It is finished," hear him cry.

(James Montgomery, 1771-1854)

## LESSON TWO

Luke 22:54-65

### *Jesus before the High Priest and denied by Peter*

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

## HYMN FOR THE PEOPLE

Johann Heermann, 1630

Johann Crüger, 1640



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
2. *Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?*  
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
4. *For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,*  
5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
*A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord*  
the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -  
*thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of*  
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
*Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.*  
tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
*an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.*  
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*Jesus before the Chief Priests, Pilate, and Herod*

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

**HYMN FOR THE PEOPLE**

Thomas Kelly, 1804

*Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850*



1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!  
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?  
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great  
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;  
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.  
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;  
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;  
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;  
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

*Jesus is condemned to die before Pilate*

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.”

But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Lamb of God* – arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,  
 Patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer;  
 Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:  
 Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

(Nicolaus Decius, 1485-1541)

**LESSON FIVE**

*Jesus is led away to be crucified*

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

**HYMN FOR THE PEOPLE**

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

Edward Miller, 1790



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## LESSON SIX

Luke 23:32-43

### *Jesus is crucified along with two criminals*

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## CHORAL ANTHEM

### *Faithful Cross* – Henry Kihlken (1939-2017)

Faithful Cross, above all others,  
One and only noble tree,  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit thy equal be.  
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,  
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.  
Amen.

(Venantius Fortunatus, 530-609)

## LESSON SEVEN

Luke 23:44-56

### *Jesus dies and is buried*

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## HOMILY

Rev. Eric Landry

## PRAYER

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed with grief and shame weighed down;  
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:  
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y I joy to call thee mine.  
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
Lord, let me, nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

## POSTLUDE

*O Mensch, bewein*, BWV 622 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Michael Phillips

O mankind, mourn your great sins, for which Christ left his Father's bosom and came to earth;  
From a virgin pure and tender he was born here for us, he wished to become our Intercessor,  
He gave life to the dead and laid aside all sickness until the time approached that he would be offered for us,  
Bearing the heavy burden of our sins indeed for a long time on the Cross.

(Sebald Heyden, 1530)

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