



A Service of Worship for Good Friday

April 10, 2020

12:15pm

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus Comforts the Women of Jerusalem

Marcel Dupre

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

One: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

All: We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, and feel the feelings of the day Christ died.

One: Suffering it not rational. It has no answer.

All: But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

One: From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

All: God, into your hands we commend our spirits. Be present with us now.

DUET

O Come and Mourn

Hal H. Hopson

FIRST READING: VIOLENCE ERUPTS

John 18:1-12

One: We confess, Loving God,

All: that we are like Judas, who openly betrayed you even after proclaiming to trust and follow you. We are guarded and ready to fight. We allow words of hatred or actions of violence to be our first instinct. We see your example of peace, but we do not follow it. Lord, have mercy.

HYMN 223, VERSE 1

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

SECOND READING: PETER DENIES JESUS

John 18:13-27

One: We confess, Loving God,

All: that we are like Peter, who denied knowing you out of fear.

**We proclaim our faith when it is convenient and mainstream,
but we falter when it leads to difficulty.**

We love to use our faith to justify our actions, but we push it aside when it shows our faults.

We see your example of honesty, but we do not follow it.

Lord, have mercy.

HYMN 223, VERSE 3

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

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THIRD READING: TRUE KINGDOM

John 18:28-40

One: We confess, Loving God,

**All: that we are like Pilate, who was so easily swayed by power and the influence of others.
We like to appear humble, but in reality we are always seeking ways to make ourselves look good.
We make decisions that suit our own needs.
We see your example of servant leadership, but we do not follow it.
Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN 223, VERSE 4

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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FOURTH READING: CALL FOR CRUCIFIXION

John 19:1-15

One: We confess, Loving God,

**All: that we are like the crowds, who demanded that you be crucified.
When we have a problem, we want someone to blame.
When we face a crisis, we need a scapegoat.
When a crowd leads, we go right along with it.
We see your example of mercy, but we do not follow it.
Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN 228, VERSE 1

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

FIFTH READING: DISGRACE AND DEATH

John 19:16-30

One: We confess, Loving God,

**All: that we are like the chief priests, who denied that you were king.
We covet what others have, and we tear down the accomplishments of others out of jealousy.
We cut down those whom we dislike and treat those who are different than we are as enemies.
We see your example of blessing others, but we do not follow it.
Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN 228, VERSE 2

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

WERE YOU THERE

One: We confess, Loving God,

**All: that we are like those who demanded that Jesus's body be cleared away.
We value appearances over honesty, and we don't want the hardships of life to show.
We prefer beauty over kindness, and we ignore the beauty in kindness.
We see your example of acknowledging pain, but we do not follow it.
Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN 228, VERSE 3

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

WERE YOU THERE

REFLECTION

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

PRAYER

DUET

Saw Ye My Savior?

David N. Johnson

CLOSING LITANY

One: The story has been told, and now we return to the world where we live and wait.

All: Does this mean that worship is over?

One: No, the worship continues while we wait and watch.

Throughout these next days, we experience the time of in-between,

Waiting with anxious hearts for the stone to be removed

And for the flame of hope to be re-lit.

All: So we wait;

we watch for the hope that defies despair,

the life that defies death,

the beginning that defies the end.

One: While we wait,

while darkness covers the land of faith,

remember that no matter how abandoned we may feel

we are not alone.

All: God has not and will not abandon us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr; Ms. Bethany S. Cecil

Mr. R. Holt Andrews, Jr; Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. L. Craig Foster

Marcia Andrews, Organist

Janet Kuntz, flute; Kendal Agnew, clarinet

Penny Wright, Noah Deal, Lisa Cunningham, and Rafe Andrews

At-Home Spiritual Practice for Good Friday

If you would like to continue to worship this Good Friday, I encourage you and your household to practice this ritual together. *Please do so outside in an open and safe space*

COLLECT:

- Glass or metal bowl
- Small strips of tissue paper or other paper
- Pencils
- Candle



1. On your strips of paper, write down whatever is standing between you and God right now -- sins to confess, worries to turn over, parts of yourself that you wish to be refined.
2. Light the candle, and one by one, put each piece of paper in the flame, allowing it to burn.
3. Sing or meditate on the words from "[Jesus Remember Me](#)" (click for audio): *Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your Kingdom.*

Celebrate Holy Week with First Presbyterian, Spartanburg.

Please "tune in" via our website (fpcspartanburg.org/live) or our Facebook page

Saturday, April 11, Service of Reflection

Join us at noon for a service that will begin with a brief prayer and scripture, led by Dr. Thomas E. Evans. Afterwards, Marcia Andrews will lead us through a time of reflection with thoughtful organ music.

Easter, April 12

6:45am Sunrise Service

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr. will lead a brief service that will include a devotion, time of prayer, and song.

9:45am Butterfly Release

Tune in at 9:45am to watch the Butterfly Release with Holly Bannan.

11:00am Worship: Traditional

This year, even though we cannot be under the same roof, we are asking every member of the congregation to worship together - online.

All Day - Cross of Flowers

Each Easter, a rough-hewn cross is erected on the lawn of the church. During the day, members and guests are invited to bring flowers to place on the cross ([remember to use social distancing](#)).

This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.

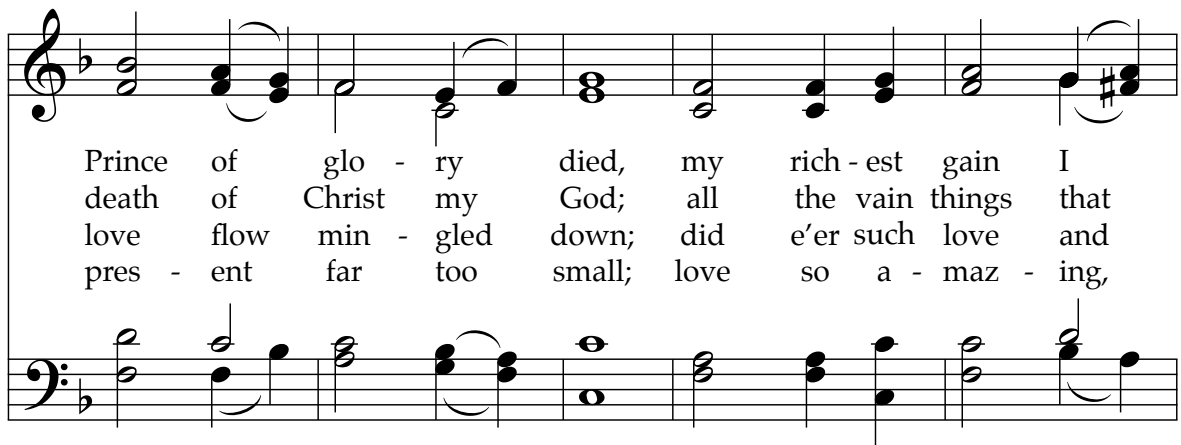
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



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.

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 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you
 4 Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine? (Were you
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

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