

FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

for by grace you have been saved through faith



Order of the Worship of God

April 15, 2022

Good Friday

Reflection & Preparation

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.

Galatians 2:20

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death we subject to lifelong slavery.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Please turn off or silence all communication devices. Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are available at the back sound booth.

† *Congregation standing*

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

† The Call to Worship *God calls His people to worship*

Pastor: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, unto ages of ages!

People: Amen!

Pastor: This night we gather to commemorate the bloody sacrifice of our Lord, who gave himself for our sins that we might be reconciled to God and restored in our humanity.

People: He was bruised for our brokenness. He was crushed for our curse. He was slaughtered for our sins. He died our death that we might share in his life.

All: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, we ask you graciously to behold this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willingly betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross. Give us this night the right demeanor to remember his sacrifice for our sins, that we might weep over our rebellion and rejoice in his faithfulness.

An Ancient Reading

Pastor: Today the Master of creation stands before Pilate. Today the Creator of all is condemned to die on a cross. Of his own will, he is led as a lamb to slaughter. He who fed his people with manna in the desert is transfixed with nails. His side is pierced, and a sponge of vinegar touches his lips. The Redeemer of the world is slapped on the face. The Maker is mocked by his own servants. How great is the Master's love for humanity!

† Hymn of Adoration – My Song is Love Unknown

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn #252

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: Blessed Lord Jesus, before your cross I kneel and see the heinousness of my sin, my iniquity that caused you to be made a curse, and the evil that excites the severity of divine wrath. Show me the enormity of my guilt by the crown of thorns, the pierced hands and feet, the bruised body, the dying cries. Your blood is the blood of Incarnate God, its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought. Infinite must be the evil and guilt that demanded such a price. Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper, born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating my faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought, my chain that holds me captive in the

empire of my soul. Yet your compassions yearn over me, your heart hastens to my rescue, your love endured my curse, your mercy bore my deserved stripes. Let me walk humbly in the lowest depths of humility, bathed in your blood, tender of conscience, triumphing as an heir of salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: In Jesus we have redemption, through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.

People: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 1:7

† Choral Piece

We rest in our Father's love

“O King of Love”

The Prophet Isaiah Foretells of the Suffering Servant
- Isaiah 52:13-54:1

Hymn of Response

Hymn #257

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Jesus Stands Before the Authorities and is Denied by Peter – John 18:12-27

Response (Singing): *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

Jesus Delivered Over to Pilate and is Rejected by the Crowds – John 18:28-40

Response (Singing): *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

Hymn of Response

Hymn #248

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”

Jesus is Mocked as King – John 19:1-16a

Response (Singing): *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

A Portrait of the Crucified King

Pastor: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

People: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

People: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Pastor: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

People: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

People: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Pastor: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

People: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Pastor: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

People: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

People: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Pastor: Blessed are those who persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

People: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Pastor: Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and shall persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.

People: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus is Crucified – John 19:16b-27

Response (*Singing*): *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

Hymn

Hymn #247

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Jesus Breathes His Last – John 19:28-37

Hymn

Hymn #261

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Prayers

Pastor: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body and mind.

All: **For the hungry and homeless, the destitute and oppressed. For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled. For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish. For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair. For the sorrowful and bereaved. For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger.**

Pastor: That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.
(Silently pray for those you know who are in need.) Let us now pray for those who have not received the gospel of Christ:

All: For those who have never heard the word of salvation. For those who have lost their faith. For those who are hardened by indifference. For the contemptuous and scornful. For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples. For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others.

Pastor: That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience. (*Silently pray for those you know who don't believe in Jesus*). Let us now commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace to lead a holy life that honors him, shows his sacrifice on the cross, and manifests his victory over sin and death. Help us now to hear your Word as we ponder the reality of his suffering for us.

All: Amen.

The Homily

Song of Response

“The Power of the Cross”

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to the cross of wood

This the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought every evil deed
Crowning your blood stained brow

This the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Now the day light flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life
Finished, the victory cry

This the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see my name written in the woods
For through your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love

This the power of the cross
Son of God slain for us, one above, one across
We stand forgiven at the cross

Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend
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Jesus Begins His Blessed Sabbath Rest in a New
Tomb – John 19:38-42

Lights begin to be Darkened

Song of Mercy *(followed by a time of silence)*

“Trisagion”

Trisagion (Holy God)

Words from Traditional Greek Orthodox liturgical text

Music by Fernando Ortega

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Ho - - - ly God,

ho - ly and might - - y,

ho - - - ly im - mort - al One, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy, Have mercy...
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

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Psalm Reading – Psalm 88

Final Hymn

“Were You There”

Depart in silence

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