

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 7, 2023

Order of the Worship of God

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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 are subject to lifelong slavery.

Hebrews 2:14-15

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† Congregation standing

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

Choir

† The Call to Worship

Pastor Brandon Eggar

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! Christ, 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

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love for me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be,
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
but me cared not, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend in-deed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet all his deeds
their hatred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet willing he to suffer goes,
That he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heav'n was his home,
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Words by Samuel Crossman, 1664; / Music by John Ireland, 1918

Confession of 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

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: Amen!

Ephesians 1:7

† Hymn of Gratitude

Red Trinity Hymnal #307

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

The Prophet Isaiah Foretells of the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52:13-54:1

Travis Robnett

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Lord Jesus, through your stripes we are healed.

Hymn of Response

Red Trinity Hymnal #257

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

Jesus is Mocked and Accursed by the Religious Council

Luke 22:63-71

Casey Cullum

Jesus Stands Before Pilate and Herod

Luke 23:1-17

Diana Cullum

Reader: This is the Glorious Gospel.

All: Lord Jesus, through your death we are redeemed.

Hymn of Response

Red Trinity Hymnal #248

AH, HOLY JESUS, HOW HAST THOU OFFENDED

Jesus Is Delivered Over to Crucifixion

Luke 23:18-25

Collin Ryan

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

Jesus Is Enthroned as King on the Cross

Luke 23:26-43

Cassidy Towe

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

Jesus Commits His Life to His Father

Luke 23:44-49

Laura Keffer

Response (Singing): *What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord
of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for
my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

Prayer

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 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

Pastor Brandon Eggar

THE CORONATION OF OUR KING

Musical Meditation

Choir

Jesus Begins His Blessed Sabbath Rest in a Tomb

Luke 23:50-56

Gary Fredricks

Song of Rejoicing

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 wounds
 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

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 Keith Getty | Stuart Townend
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 Capitol CMG Publishing)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

Hymn Meditation

Solo - Ashley Pierce

WERE YOU THERE

*For the sake of those who may wish to remain in prayer,
please leave the sanctuary in silence*

You are invited to join us for our
Easter Celebration Service
on Sunday at 10 AM.

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

By God's grace and all for his glory, Fort Worth Presbyterian Church exists to gather for biblically saturated worship, grow together in the life of the gospel, and go out to bear witness to the reign of Christ in all things.

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