

Old First Presbyterian Church



*Seven Moments:
A Service of Prayer and Reflection
for Good Friday*

Good Friday, March 29, 2023
The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
The Presbyterian Church (USA)

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| Seven Moments |
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Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

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| Prelude | Chorale and Variations on O Sacred Head Now Wounded Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) |
| Welcome | |
| Introit | Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) Harmonized by JS Bach (1685-1750) Jordan Amann, soprano; Kirsten Fleischmann, alto Michael Desnoyers, tenor; Sergey Khalikulov, bass |

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thy only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine?
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

12th-13th Century, Translated by James Waddell Alexander (1804-1895)

***Call to
Worship**

Pastor Henderson

Leader Along this way...
People **We have walked with Christ.**
Leader Along this way...
People **We have shared Christ's table.**
Leader Along this way...
People **Christ has washed our feet.**
Leader Along this way...
People **We approach the cross.**
Leader Along this way...
People **We fear the path.**
Leader Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

***Hymn 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's on sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
where they laid his breathless clay:
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

**Introduction
and Prayer**

Pastor Henderson

Leader Let us pray.
All **God of the daytime and the night-time,
God of light and darkness,
God of joy and sorrow,
we worship you.
Through you alone are we able to know that,
even in the darkest hours, hope is present
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

First Moment: "Here is the Man"

John 19:1-7

Rick Wiebe

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Leader We pray:
People **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

Reflection

Solo Pie Jesu Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Jordan Amann, soprano
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem. *Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest.*
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem. *Blessed Jesus, give them everlasting rest.*
From the Latin Liturgy

Second Moment: Gabbatha

John 19:8-16

Sidney Hollar

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called the Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.

Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Leader We pray:
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Reflection

Third Moment: Golgotha

John 19:16-22

Steve Taber

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Leader We pray:
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Solo The Crucifixion, Op. 29, No. 5 Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

At the cry of the first bird,
They began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that.
It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne
By the body of Mary's Son,
But sorer still to Him was the grief
Which for His sake
Came upon His Mother.

The Speckled Book, 12th century
Translation by Howard Mumford Jones (1892-1980)

Fourth Moment: Casting Lots

John 19:23-25

Sarah Taber

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfil what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

Leader We pray:
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Reflection

Fifth Moment: "Here is Your Mother"

John 19:25-27

Mary Russell

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."

Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Leader We pray:
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Reflection

Solo From the St John Passion JS Bach (1685-1750)
Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

Von den Stricken meiner Sünden *From the ropes of my sins,*
mich zu entbinden, *To set me free,*
wird mein Heil gebunden. *my Savior is bound.*

Barthold Heinrich Brockes (1680-1747)

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| Sixth Moment: Finished |
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John 19:28-30

Kurt Schwartzmann

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Leader We pray:
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Reflection

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| Seventh Moment: Pierced |
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John 19:31-34

Pastor Henderson

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

Leader We pray:
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Reflection

Solo

African American Spiritual
Arranged by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Michael Desnoyers, tenor

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Prayer

Pastor Henderson

Leader We pray for those for whom the terrifying has become the ordinary:
for the victims of warfare;
for all those who are effected by earthquakes, floods, and tornadoes
for children and parents unable to live in homes that are their own;
for fighters who have become immune to the cries of others;
and for politicians who hear only praise.

Silence

Leader Lord of the cross,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all those affected by gun violence especially those in schools.
We pray for ourselves, if we have become immune to those who suffer,
who have no name, who count for little.
We ask for forgiveness for those times when we failed to speak or act,
when we have given up believing we must effect change.

Silence

Leader Lord of the cross,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We give thanks for those who remind us
that, even in the shadows of pain, humanity may shine forth.
We give thanks for those who care for the dead and the dying,
and for those who bring hope.

Silence

Leader Lord of the cross,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord of the cross,
in you alone do we find our hope,
even when hope is gone.

People Amen.

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| Final Reading |
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John 19:38-42

Pastor Henderson

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**Prayer and
Departure**

Leader When hope has left...

People Still we watch and wait.

Leader When darkness prevails...

People Still we search for light.

Leader When the road is hidden...

People Still we seek a guide.

Leader Christ of the cross, hold us in these moments as we wait for
a garden vision,
a mealtime revelation,
a locked room blessing,
and a lakeside renewal.
We go in peace.

We depart in quiet. The basket for tonight's Good Friday offering is in the narthex.

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Tonight’s Good Friday Offering

Tonight’s offering will go to World Central Kitchen (WCK), which was founded in response to the hunger that followed the 2010 earthquake in Haïti. WCK believes that “food is a universal human right.” Today WCK is committed to getting food to Gaza, where United Nations officials have said 2.2 million people are on the brink of famine. “So far, only World Central Kitchen, has successfully delivered aid directly to Gaza by ship. The first delivery consisted of about 200 tons of rice, flour and lentils, and canned tuna, chicken and beef. The second, which was still anchored in the Cypriot port of Larnaca as of Sunday 3/17, is set to bring food and equipment to help with future maritime deliveries,” Vivian Yee of the New York Times reported.



You can place your offering in basket in the narthex as you leave or visit Old First’s donations page using this the QR code to the right.

For more information visit WCK’s website: <https://wck.org/>

Easter 2024

EASTER DAY, MARCH 31

10:30 am Choral Prelude and **11:00 am** Worship at Old First Presbyterian Church

We will close worship by singing the “Hallelujah” chorus from G.F. Handel’s *Messiah*.

Get a copy of the *Messiah* score in the narthex before worship.

An **Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour** will follow worship.

Please bring treats to share!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 7

11:00 am Worship with Hymn-Sing at Old First Presbyterian Church

Tonight’s Worship Service

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