

Old First Presbyterian Church



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

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

**The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
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Seven Moments

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude	O Sacred Head Now Wounded	Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) Arranged by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
	Were You There?	Spiritual Arranged by Gordon Young (1919-1998)
Welcome		

Introit

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Sebastian Dueñas Mayor

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine. *Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary,*
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. *Truly having suffered and been sacrificed on the cross for us.*
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. *Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood.*
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. *May it be for us a foretaste [of heaven] in the trial of death.*

***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

Jeanne Kirkwood

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 Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Reflection

Second Moment: Gabbatha

John 19:8-16

Betty Voris

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 Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Leader Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Anthem Solus ad victimam Kenneth Jennings (1926-1988)

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
Giving thyself to Death whom thou has slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
That very suffering may thy mercy win.

This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ.
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of the glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

P. Abelard (1079-1142)

Translated by Helen Waddell (1889-1965)

Third Moment: Golgotha

John 19:16-22

Stephen 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 Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Leader Lord, have mercy.

Silence
Reflection

Fourth Moment: Casting Lots

John 19:23-25

Eder Dueñas Alfonso and Sebastian Dueñas Mayor

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 Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Anthem He Was Despised and Rejected Carl Heinrich Graun (1701-1759)

He was despised and rejected of men,
a man of sorrows and rejected and acquainted with grief.

Isaiah 53:3

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 Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Reflection

Sixth Moment: Finished

John 19:28-30

Jan Hammock

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 Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.

Silence
Reflection
Solo

African American Spiritual
Arranged by Harry T. Burleigh
Sergey Khalikulov

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.

Seventh Moment: Pierced

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 Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Leader Lord, have mercy.

Silence
Reflection

Choir

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)
Arranged by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Latin, 12th or 13th century
Translated by James Waddell Alexander (1804-1895)

Prayer

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 effected 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.

Final Reading

John 19:38-42

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.

Tonight's Good Friday Offering

Tonight's offering will be given to help those that have been effected by the tornadoes in Mississippi. The two presbyteries in the state – the Presbytery of St. Andrew and the Presbytery of Mississippi – are working together to offer help and relief. They have worked together to address disasters in the state since Katerina in 2005. Our funds will go right to the maintained fund called "Mississippi Disaster Fund," and will be used by local churches who are on the ground doing this important work. We are truly connected in our caring.

Please mark your check or envelope: MS Disaster Fund. To contribute electronically, use the kiosk in the narthex or Old First's donation page: <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//> - and under "Select Giving Opportunity" choose "MS Disaster Fund."

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief

Thank you! The interfaith benefit concert on March 25 to raise funds for relief in the earthquake-stricken regions of Turkey and Syria at Old First was amazing: So far we have raised **over \$3,700.**

Easter Season 2023

Easter Sunday, April 9

10:30 am Choral Prelude, **11:00 am** Worship

Followed by an Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour.

Please bring treats to share!

Second Sunday of Easter, April 16

11:00 am Worship with Hymns and Communion

Tonight's Worship Service

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