

Old First Presbyterian Church



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

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

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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 Rend Your Heart (Fons bonitans) Arranged by Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)
Rend your heart, and not your garments,
and turn unto the Lord your God;
For God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and of great kindness. Joel 2:13

***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

Erwin Barron

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 In monte Oliveti

Juozas Naujalis (1869-1934)

In monte Oliveti oravit ad Patrem:
"Pater, si fieri potest, transeat a me calix iste."
Spiritus quidem promptus est caro autem infirma.
Vigilate et orate ut non intretis in tentationem.

*On the Mount of Olives he prayed to the Father,
"Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me."
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.*

Matthew 26:39, 41

Third Moment: Golgotha

John 19:16-22

Riley Kramar

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

Anthem

Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Arranged by Gilbert Martin (born 1941)

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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

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?

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! Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Fourth Moment: Casting Lots

John 19:23-25

Beth Arnaoot

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

Fifth Moment: "Here is Your Mother"

John 19:25-27

John Kramar

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

Mary Russell

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 Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

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 children and mothers 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 ourselves, when we 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.

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

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.

All depart quietly.

Tonight's Worship Service

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Tonight's Offering

Tonight's offering will be to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and their work with refugees from the war in Ukraine. You can use the electronic kiosk in the narthex or place cash or checks (made payable to OFPC with "Ukraine" on the memo line) in the offering basket as you leave the service.

Easter Worship

Easter Sunday, April 17

Choral Prelude, 10:30 am Worship, 11:00 am
Easter Celebration Coffee Hour Following Worship
Livestream via YouTube: https://youtu.be/WGNEinptt_Y

Second Sunday of Easter, April 24

Worship with Hymns and Communion, 11:00 am
Livestream via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/htZZvfwYbIY>

We are still keeping everyone safe with vaccinations and mask wearing in worship.

Old First Staffs Interfaith Food Pantry, April 23

Sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, April 23, when Old First staffs the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First's website – www.oldfirst.org – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. For more information, speak with Pastor Maggi.

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