

# WORTHY BY GRACE

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Good Friday



April 14, 2017

7:00pm



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**SAINT LUKE'S**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**April 14, 2017**

Good Friday, Tenebrae Service

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 8:30am Chapel Communion Service
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Sanctuary Worship Service

*Nursery available at all services & Sunday School.*

**MISSION**

Responding to God's call  
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite all to join us in  
knowing, serving, and sharing  
Jesus Christ here and  
around the world.

**VISION**

To be a beacon  
of faith, hope, and love—  
every member an active disciple  
in Christ's ministry.

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

We are delighted you are worshipping with us.

**DURING** the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

**FOR MORE** information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact one of our Pastors at 770.393.1424, or visit our website: slpres.org.

**SERVING TODAY**

- Lay Reader**— Nancy Self
- Soup Supper**— Susan Edmondson and Nancy Self
- Usher**— Vivian Smith

**CHURCH STAFF**

- Senior Pastor ..... David Lower
- Associate Pastor ..... Shannon Dill
- Associate Pastor.....Phil Brown
- Director of Music & Organist. .... Clair Maxwell
- Director of Children's Ministries. .... Catherine Anne Thomas
- Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool. .... Carol Perry
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Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

**ELDERS**

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David Stover, Shari Wassell,  
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Dorothy Kitchens, Richard Lawry,  
Carol Waller, Al Wang,  
Scott Zannini

## Holy Week 2017 at Saint Luke's

April 14	Good Friday Soup Supper	6pm	Great Hall
April 14	Good Friday Service	7pm	Chapel
April 16	Easter Sunrise Service	7am	Hannaford Garden
April 16	Easter Service	8:30am	Sanctuary*
April 16	Easter Service	11am	Sanctuary*

\* Childcare is available

## In Preparation for Worship

With this Good Friday liturgy we continue our celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Though we devoutly gather to recall our Lord's passion, we celebrate the wonder and mystery of the cross in the sure hope of the resurrection. Today we pray around the cross as the sign of the world's redemption. From the cross flows forgiveness, healing, and salvation. We acclaim the cross as the tree of life, for as Christ vanquishes death and evil the world is given new birth and a living hope. With all the faithful we are invited to worship, giving thanks for this great mystery of our faith. We depart in silence, ready to return for the Easter celebration and the culmination of the Three Days.



## Prelude

Elegy Jules Massenet

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Shannon Dill

**Leader:** On this day, God of all tears,  
you call us in the midst of our busy lives to look at the suffering and death  
of the One who came to carry the pain of the world into your heart.

**People:** Give us eyes to see your love this day.

**Leader:** On this day, suffering Jesus,  
you would gather everyone to your side,  
but we leave you to carry the cross alone.  
You came simply as love incarnate,  
but hate and bitterness were the gifts we offered to you.  
You poured out your love so our emptiness might be filled.  
Give us ears to hear your pain this day.  
On this day, Gentle Spirit, you would pray for us,  
for we cannot find the words on our own.  
Hear the cries of those in need.  
Listen to the lament of the lonely.  
Cradle the whispered hopes of children.  
Set free the dreams of prisoners and captives.

**People:** Give us hearts to pray with you this day.

**Leader:** God in Community, Holy in One,  
we lift our prayers to you in the name of the One  
who suffered and died for us this day and who teaches us to pray, saying...

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Hymn #220

Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD 76

Stanzas 1 and 2

## *The Passion of Jesus Christ According to Luke*

### Meditation

David Lower

### The Arrest and Denial

Luke 22:47-62

Nancy Self

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to

## Litany of Confession\*

From Isaiah 53, John 19

Shannon Dill

**Leader:** Surely Christ has borne our infirmities and carried our failures.

**People:** We accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

**Leader:** He was wounded for our transgressions.  
By his bruises our sin is revealed.

**People:** Upon him, though, by grace, was sin's destruction.

**Leader:** Holy God, forgive us, and forgive the world,  
for we often know not what we do.

**People:** Take us with you, unto and beyond the cross, and make us whole.

## Hymn #471\*

O Lord, Hear My Prayer HEAR MY PRAYER

*For those who wish to stay, the chapel will be open throughout the evening for personal prayer and meditation.  
When you leave, please do so quietly.*

## Depart in Silence\*

*Worship Notes:*

*Thank you to our guest soloist and musician, Glenda Gray and Kelly Sloan.*

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## Duet

Were You There?

Glenda Gray and Kelly Sloan

### ***Praying Around the Cross***

#### **Silent Prayer**

*You are invited to spend some time in quiet prayer contemplating what we have just heard.  
You may wish to meditate on the following, pray in your own words, or simply sit quietly in the dark stillness of the chapel.*

O Holy God,  
the hosannas have died away,  
the palm branches have turned brittle.  
Now, today, there is only this –  
each of us, all of us,  
sitting in the darkness,  
the hymns of lament in the air,  
the mumblings of our own feeble confession,  
on this Friday which we tremble to call Good.  
What is good about Good Friday?  
What is good about the innocent one nailed to a cross?  
What is good about the darkness of war that persists today?  
What is good about our devastation of the planet?  
... about people living in poverty?  
... about the fog of addiction, depression, disease and despair?  
What is good about the crushing weight of hunger, racism, scapegoating, apathy?  
No, there is nothing good and desirable in these things.  
Yet you, O God, are Good.  
When suffering reigns, yours is the first heart to break.  
When despair lurks about, we remember that you were there first,  
peering into the abyss and crying out, incredibly: “Father, forgive them.”  
When we feel forsaken, we remember that in your last moments,  
you cared for your mother and your beloved disciple,  
binding them to one another as a new family.  
When we feel overcome by guilt, we remember that you spoke grace to a thief:  
“Today you will be with me in paradise.”  
Your love for us is just that boundless,  
and ever-present, and Good.  
What else can we say here, in the dimness, in the darkness, but thank you. Amen.

him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

#### **Silence**

#### **Hymn #207**

Shadows Lengthen Into Night *TENEBRAE*

Stanzas 5 through 7

#### **The Mocking and Beating** Luke 22:63-65

Catherine Anne Thomas

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?” They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

#### **Silence**

#### **Hymn #215**

What Wondrous Love Is This *WONDRIOUS LOVE*

Stanzas 1 and 2

#### **The Trial**

Luke 22:66-23:12

Phil Brown

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.” When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

## Silence

**Solo** Lamb of God *Twila Paris* Glenda Gray

**The Sentencing to Death** Luke 23:13-25 David Lower

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

## Silence

**Hymn #577\*** Lord, Have Mercy *KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)*  
*Instrumental Prelude, First Verse sung by soloists and then Second Verse sung by all.*

**The Crucifixion** Luke 23:26-43 Shannon Dill

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who was hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## Silence

**Solo** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Glenda Gray

**The Death** Luke 23:44-49 David Lower

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

## Silence

**Hymn #219** They Crucified My Lord *CRUCIFIXION*  
Stanzas 1 and 2

**The Burial** Luke 23:50-56 Catherine Anne Thomas

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## Silence