



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 19, 2019 7 pm



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 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.

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,
On this day we gather to remember the death of Jesus at the hands of human sin. He was despised and rejected, oppressed and afflicted, yet he was prepared to be wounded for the sake of God's grace and truth.
We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us, and his commitment to a different way than the world and we deliver.
In response to such love and sacrifice, we hear ourselves called, as his disciples, to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, oppression with justice, and conflict with peace.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #220* *stanzas 1-3* Go to Dark Gethsemane

The Betrayal and Arrest Matthew 26:47-56

Anthem Lamb of God *F. Melius Christiansen* Chancel Choir

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer.
Patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken.
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

Jesus Before the High Priest Matthew 26:57- 68

Hymn #218 Ah, Holy Jesus

The Denial Matthew 26:69 - 27:3-10

Confession of Sin

Lord, you are the Light of the World, but the world could not heed or hold you. We find ourselves in this story of human sin.

Have mercy upon us for when we have denied you, betrayed you, mocked you, turned away or strayed from you.

Help us to change this familiar story of failure into a story of courage, faith and commitment to the kingdom you are making. Amen.

Hymn #209 *stanzas 1-4* My Song Is Love Unknown

The Trial Matthew 27:11-31

Anthem O Savior of the World *John Goss* Chancel Choir

O savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

The Crucifixion Matthew 27:32-44

Anthem Even the Heavens Are Weeping *Joseph Martin*
Chancel Choir

Even the heavens are weeping as a cross is lifted on high.
The tears of the Father are falling as Jesus goes forth to die.
The sky grows dark as midnight, the thunder starts to cry.
Even now the earth is shaking as they crucify the King.
Hills and valleys all are trembling as the hammer starts to ring.
Hosannas now are silent. The crowds no longer sing.
Even the heavens are weeping as they take him from the tree.
The sun in its shame hides in shadows, and the birds refuse to sing.
The hands of those who loved him prepare him for the grave.
Even the heavens are weeping as they carry the Lord away.

The Death Matthew 27:45-56

Anthem

O Vos Omnes *Giovanni Croce*

Chancel Choir

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte:

Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus. Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.

O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see:

If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow. Attend, all ye people, and see my sorrow.

Silence

The Burial

Matthew 27:57-66

Hymn 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Silence

Praying Around the Cross

Prayers of the Community with Refrain #227

 Jesus, Remember Me

(refrain)

Ever-Present God,
in this story we find our own struggles, and the struggles of our world.
We are amazed that Jesus, nearing his death,
reached out to comfort and empower those dearest to him.
**Give us the grace and courage to join them there,
by welcoming all who struggle and grieve
into this new covenant of love and grace.**
We pray for all people of faith throughout the world.
May we work together to bring about your reign of peace.

(refrain)

We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barabbas.
May they find true freedom by changing the way they live.
We pray for religious leaders, like Caiaphas, and for government officials, like Pilate.
May they seek truth with humility, govern wisely, serving your causes of justice and peace.

**We pray for those who struggle and wrestle with their faith, like Peter.
Help them know you are with them in their struggle and anguish,
yearning for their comfort and peace.**

(refrain)

We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child.
May they know the depth of your tears and the grace of your love and compassion.
**We pray for the caregivers of the world like Mary Magdalene and Joseph.
May they be strengthened in their service to those who are struggling or dying.**

(refrain)

As we wait for the fate of everything to be revealed, we pray the prayer he gave to us...

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.

Music Solo

Were You There?

Taylor Link

Silent Prayer

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