



Good Friday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

Isaiah 53:7

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream ,
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

Refrain:

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me.
(Refrain)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o’er me.
(Refrain)

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.
(Refrain)

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869. Music: William H. Doane, 1869.

 Congregation stand, as able

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Merciful God, we meet today at the foot of the cross.
We are broken people. We are broken by our own
sins and broken by the sins of others.

People: *Heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.*

Pastor: For the times we have lied to one another and
the times we have been lied to,

People: *Heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.*

Pastor: For the times we have ignored another's pain
and the times we have been ignored,

People: *Heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.*

Pastor: For the times we have spoken when we should
have remained silent and the times we have
remained silent when we should have spoken,

People: *Heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.*

Pastor: For the times we have not loved your people as
you have called us to,

People: *Heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.*

Pastor: For the times we have betrayed a friend and the
times we have been betrayed,

People: *Heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.*

Pastor: For the times we have denied you,

People: *Heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world. In your great mercy,
Lord, heal us and forgive our sins. Amen.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God,
we beseech thee graciously to behold this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed,
and given up into the hands of wicked men,
and to suffer death upon the cross.

Sarum Rite, 11th Century; Thomas Cranmer, 16th Century

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

53 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Let us confess our sin together before our almighty God.

ALL: *O most mighty God, and merciful Father,
who has compassion upon all men,
and who desires not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved;
Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us,
who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins.
Your property is always to have mercy;
therefore, from you alone comes the forgiveness of sins.
Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare your people,
whom you have redeemed;
enter not into judgment with your servants;
but so turn your anger from us,
who meekly acknowledge our transgressions,
and truly repent of our faults,
and so make haste to help us in this world,
that we may ever live with you in the world to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown:
How pale thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

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.

Words: Bernard of Clarivaux, 1091-1153; tr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656; tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830. Music: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; arr. by J.S. Bach, 1729.

GOSPEL READING

John 19:28-30

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

CLOSING HYMN

“It Is Finished – Pt II (Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy)”

Hark! the voice of love and mercy Sounds aloud from Calvary;
See, it rends the rocks asunder, Shakes the earth, and veils the sky:
“It is finished! It is finished!” Hear the dying Savior cry;
“It is finished! It is finished!” Hear the dying Savior cry.

“It is finished!” O what pleasure Do these charming words afford;
Heavenly blessings, without measure, Flow to us from Christ the Lord:
“It is finished! It is finished!” Saints, the dying words record;
“It is finished! It is finished!” Saints, the dying words record.

Finished all the types and shadows Of the ceremonial law;
Finished all that God had promised; Death and hell no more shall awe:
“It is finished! It is finished!” Saints, from hence your comfort draw;
“It is finished! It is finished!” Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs, Join to sing the pleasing theme;
Saints on earth, and all in heaven, Join to praise Immanuel’s name;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!
(*Twice*)

Words: Attributed to Jonathan Evans, 1784 & Benjamin Francis, 1787.
Music: Jeff Koonce, 2005.

BENEDICTION

EASTER SUNDAY

Join us in celebrating our Risen Lord!

Sunrise Service at Vulcan Park | 6:15 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast | 7:00 a.m.
(Covenant's Fellowship Hall)

Gathered Worship | 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.



We would like to express appreciation to our guest liturgists:

Jason Williams
Aspire Movement

Gary Purdy
Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church

Will Spokes
Red Mountain Presbyterian Church

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