

Good Friday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday
April 19, 2019

¹³Behold, 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.

Isaiah 52:13-14

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marty Crawford

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God.

Who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation,
Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Behold the cross
on which was hung the salvation of the world.

Come, let us worship.

 *Congregation stand as able.*

HYMN OF SALVATION

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709. Music: Gregorian chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God,
look with mercy on this your family
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,
and to be given over to the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Dawson Cooper

Isaiah 53:3-12

He 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*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

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

—Hebrews 10:16-17

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

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.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 23:32-49

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." ⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF CHRIST

"Rock of Ages"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815. Music: *TOPLADY*;
Thomas Hastings, 1830

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.