

READERS: In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.

PEOPLE: **“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”**

READERS: From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice...

PEOPLE: **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

READERS: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said ...

PEOPLE: **“I am thirsty.”**

READERS: A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said ...

PEOPLE: **“It is finished.”**

READERS: With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed,

PEOPLE: **“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

IN SONG: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* — VERSE 3

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh ... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

RESPONSIVE READING 3:

READERS: The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

PEOPLE: **Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.**

READERS: As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.

PEOPLE: **Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.**

READERS: Joseph was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

PEOPLE: **At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.**

READERS: Because it was the Jewish day before the Sabbath, and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

PEOPLE: **They rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.**

IN SONG: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* — VERSE 4

4. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh ... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Instructions for Communion:

Communion will be served in the front of the sanctuary this evening. When the ushers come to your row, simply follow their direction to move to the front of the sanctuary. They will begin with the back rows and move towards the front rows.

Complete families should come forward together even if some of the children are not yet communicant members and they will receive a blessing from one of the elders serving.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, just remain seated and one of the elders will come to your seat and serve you there.

After you have partaken of the elements, please depart in silence contemplating the passion of our Savior. Then return on Easter Sunday morning to celebrate the resurrection.

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION

Jody Lubbers



Isaiah 53

- 1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.
- 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.
- 11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

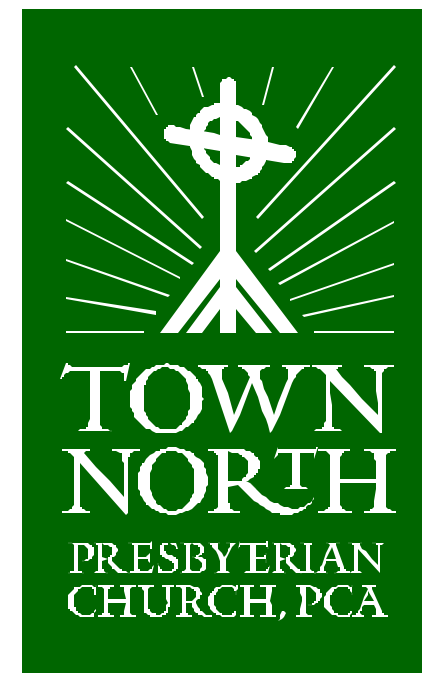
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New International Version of the Bible.

* Congregation Please Stand

If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian, the pastor is available in the narthex after the service. Copies of the brochure “How Do I Become a Christian” are also available in the narthex.

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As we confront the challenges and opportunities of the third millennium, our vision is to be a worshipping community of disciples who are bringing God’s Kingdom to bear upon the world and building His Church among all peoples.



This Evening’s Order of
WORSHIP
for
GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2010 7:30 P.M.

Worship Theme: The Trial & Crucifixion of Our Lord

PRELUDE *God So Loved the World* *Jody Lubbers*
Amazing Grace
Via Dolorosa

WELCOME *Pastor John Rantal*

PREPARING IN STILLNESS

MUSICAL MEDITATION **“Jesus Paid It All”** Clay Cox, flugel horn
– by John T. Grape, arr. Dan Marvin – Jami Calatizzo, piano

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:
PEOPLE: Have mercy upon us.
PASTOR: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:
PEOPLE: Have mercy upon us.
PASTOR: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:
PEOPLE: Grant us thy peace.

* HYMN OF WORSHIP

Hymn 247 (vv. 1–3)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

* INVOCATION

Pastor Rantal

PASTOR: O Lord, open my lips,
PEOPLE: And my mouth will declare your praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Joel 2:12–13

PASTOR: “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Lord Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed you; like Peter, we have denied you; and like the other disciples, we have forsaken you. Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross. We plead for your forgiveness and mercy. And we ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside but follow you to the very end – for the final victory belongs to you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments,
we individually come to God in prayer,
silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold
of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD

Isaiah 53:4–5

PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows ... He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*
The peace of the Lord be always with you!
PEOPLE: And also with you!

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Power of the Cross

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

*This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath — we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2. Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

3. Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows
his head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

Chorus

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.

Chorus:

*This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God — slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor John Rantal

“Finished, Complete, Accomplished”

John 19:28–30 — ²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

CHORAL MEDITATION

“And No Bird Sang”

– by Douglas E. Wagner –

Choir

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

AFFIRMING THE MYSTERY

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

PEOPLE: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PASTOR: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to the Lord.

“Were You There?”

RESPONSIVE READING & SONG FOR GOOD FRIDAY

— FROM MATTHEW 27, LUKE 23, JOHN 19 —

READERS: John Crosby, Duncan Rogers, Michelle Turner

IN SONG: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* — VERSE 1 Hymn 260

1. Were you there when they Crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they Crucified my Lord?
Oh ... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they Crucified my Lord?

RESPONSIVE READING 1:

READERS: Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death.

PEOPLE: They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

READERS: Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him ... “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied ...

PEOPLE: “Yes, it is as you say.”

READERS: When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him ... “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge — to the great amazement of the governor. Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. The governor asked ... “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” The crowd answered ...

PEOPLE: “Barabbas!”

READERS: “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all answered ...

PEOPLE: “Crucify him!”

READERS: “Why? What crime has he committed?” But they shouted all the louder ...

PEOPLE: “Crucify him!”

READERS: Then all the people cried out ...

PEOPLE: “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

IN SONG: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* — VERSE 2

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh ... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

RESPONSIVE READING 2:

READERS: When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals — one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said ...

PEOPLE: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

READERS: Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying ...

PEOPLE: “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”