

How we love You, Holy One, and now with us abide,
Most Holy Lamb of God
Unto Him we sing, Most Holy Lamb of God.
Praise and thanks we bring, Most Holy Lamb of God.
Alleluia, allelu;
Alleluia; We bow before the King, Most Holy Lamb of God.

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD *Hymn 254* (vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5)
Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

* COMMUNION MEDITATION *Reverend Tim Tinsley*
"It Was the Will of the Lord to Crush Him" — *Isaiah 53:1-12*

* PREPARING FOR COMMUNION *Hymn 257* (vv. 1, 2, & 3)
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION **The Old Rugged Cross**
Karen Clayton, soloist

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. 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. 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.

Assisting in worship leading this evening is Elder Richard Davis.
Scripture quotations are from the New International Version of the Bible.



Isaiah 53 (NIV)

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.

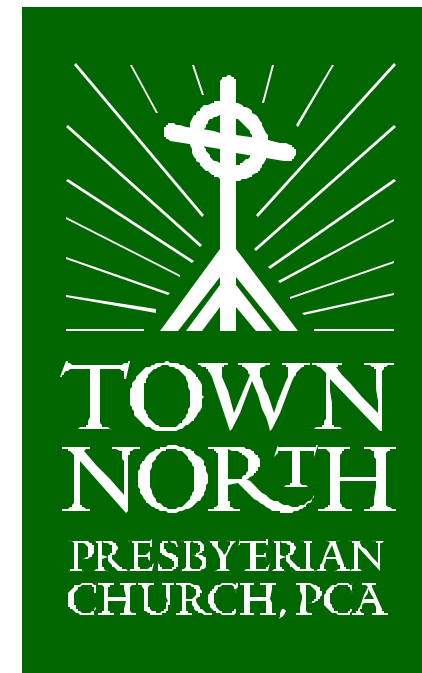
9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

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.

*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 10, 2009 7:30 P.M.
Worship Theme: The Death of Christ

PRELUDE

Wayne Bowman

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Elder Richard Davis

PREPARING IN STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

INVOCATION

Reverend Tim Tinsley

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

* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Hymn 264 (vv. 1-4)
Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

FIRST READING

Matthew 26:30-46

JESUS IN THE GARDEN

³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
³¹Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”
³³Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” ³⁴“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” ³⁵But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.
³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.
³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”
⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. ⁴¹“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”
⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

⁴³When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

CHORAL MEDITATION

A Lenten Love Song (by Helen Kemp)
Covenant Choir, directed by Michelle Turner

Now Jesus went into the garden, The garden of Gethsemene.
He went there sad and very weary, To be alone to pray.
“Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way?
Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away.”
Now Jesus went into the garden, The garden of Gethsemene.
The olive tree bent over him, And heard him sadly pray.
“Dear God, your son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best.
Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to your will,
to do your will, to do your will, and rest.”
Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est
(Where charity and love are found, God is there.)

SECOND READING

Matthew 26:47-56

THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵²“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ten Thousand Angels
(by Ray Overholt, arr. By Tom Fettke)

They bound the bands of Jesus in the garden where he prayed.
They led him through the streets in shame.
They spat upon the savior, so pure and free from sin.
They said, “Crucify him! He’s to blame.”

He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set him free.
He could have called ten thousand angels but he died alone for you and me.

Upon his precious head they placed a crown of thorns;
They laughed and said, “Behold, the King.”
They struck him and they cursed him, and mocked his holy name.
All alone he suffered everything.

He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set him free.
He could have called ten thousand angels but he died alone for you and me.

To the howling mob he yielded; He did not for mercy cry.
The cross of shame he took alone.
And when he cried, “It’s finished.”, he gave himself to die.
Salvation’s wondrous plan was done.

He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set him free.
He could have called ten thousand angels but he died alone for you and me.

THIRD READING

John 19:1-16

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they struck him in the face. ⁴Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁵When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” ⁶As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁷The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰“Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” ¹¹Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” ¹²From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

¹³When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. ¹⁵But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered. ¹⁶Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

CHORAL MEDITATION

No Bird Sang (by Douglas E. Wagner)

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky when our Lord came to die
Lone, on the cross for our sins He did hang, and no bird sang
Women and men with anguish and fear, then to His cross drew near, drew near
Hushed then to feel the bitter, bitter pang, no bird sang.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy, God’s will be, will be done, *eleison*
No bird sang in the sky, When Christ did come to die.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken:
We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.
We betray our neighbors, desert our friends,
and run in fear when we should be loyal.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we have not bound ourselves to you.
God, have mercy on us weak and willful people.
Lead us once again to your table,
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.
To Christ be praise forever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD

John 3:16-17

LEADER: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. The peace of the Lord be always with you!
PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Most Holy Lamb
(by John Parker and Benjamin Harlan)

You left Your Father’s side
Most Holy Lamb of God.
To be bruised and crucified, Most Holy Lamb of God.
How we love You, Holy One, and now with us abide,
Most Holy Lamb of God.
In innocence alone, Most Holy Lamb of God.
Transgressions to atone, Most Holy Lamb of God.