

A Service of Worship for Good Friday

April 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Patti Early

Leader: On this dark night, as the shadows deepen,

People: we come to be present with Jesus.

Leader: With the glory of Palm Sunday behind us and the victory of Easter not yet come,

People: we will be together in this space with our breaking, our broken hearts.

Leader: In this world that is at once beautiful and holy and tragic,

People: we seek to be present with all who suffer.

Leader: In the dark valleys of life, when sorrow threatens to overwhelm,

People: we long for a safe and sacred space to sit with our grief and our questions.

Leader: Jesus Christ, holy friend,

People: we know that you are here with us. Let us be here with you.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Patti Early

Gracious God, tonight we gather to remember the suffering death of Jesus. He was despised and rejected, oppressed and afflicted, yet he was prepared to be wounded for our transgressions. We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us, and his commitment to defeat evil, even when that meant his own suffering and his own death. In his willingness to make us righteous, he poured himself out to death, even death on a cross, and so, in response to such love and sacrifice, we commit ourselves as his disciples to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Romans 5:6-10 Patti Early

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Patti Early

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us.

SILENCE

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" # 290

This service is adapted from www.jesuschrist Savior.net/Word; and Rev. Joanna Harader from SpaciousFaith.com.

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Introduction: Christ Jesus dies on the Cross to redeem mankind, to save us from our sins because of his love for us. As recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in the Holy Bible, Jesus Christ was mocked, scorned, and tortured in the praetorian. Condemned to death by Pontius Pilate, he carried his Cross from Jerusalem to Calvary, was nailed to the cross, and hung between two common criminals. He suffered and indescribable end, as recalled on Good Friday of Holy Week. Tonight, we reflect on the last seven expressions of Jesus Christ on the Cross recorded in scripture.

The First Word: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34.

The Second Word: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

Hymn "Jesus Remember Me" # 288 (2x)

The Third Word: *“Jesus said to his mother: “Woman, this is your son.” Then he said to disciple: “This is your mother.” John 19:26-27*

The Fourth Word: *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34*

Hymn “Were You There” #288 (verses 1,2,3,5)

The Fifth Word: *“I thirst.” John 19:28*

The Sixth Word: *When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished;” and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. John 19:30.*

Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” # 289 (verses 1,2,4,5)

The Seventh Word: *Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Luke 23:46*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Ending Video “Sunday’s A Comin –”



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