



Independent
Presbyterian
Church

Birmingham, Alabama

April 2, 2021

12:00 p.m.

Good Friday

A Penitential Service

The pews marked "Reserved" are available for seating. Please follow the blue tape designations in each pew as much as possible. Thank you.

GATHERING

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We meet to remember the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to meditate on the mystery and power of his suffering for the sins of the world. Let us pray that we may understand what it means that he died for us; and also that we may receive his Spirit to carry the Cross with him in the world today.

GREETING

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Dr. Wilkins

Minister: Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
So that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

People: Blessed is the name of the Lord.

* HYMN 221 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"PASSION CHORALE

1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners'
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est

down; now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with
 gain; mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thy
 friend, for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy

thorns, thine on - ly crown; O sa - cred head, what
 thine the dead - ly pain. Lo, here I fall, my
 pit - y with - out end? O make me thine for -

glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine! Yet,
 Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place; look
 ev - er; and should I faint - ing be, Lord,

though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

PRAYER

Unison: Almighty God, look with mercy on 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 on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:1-15 Jerry R. Brubaker

Beth Middleton, *Cantor*

Congregation sings refrain on cue from cantor:



My God, my God, why have you a-ban-doned me?

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SECOND LESSON - Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10..... Dr. Goyer

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO - "The Crucifixion"Samuel Barber

Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

At the cry of the first bird They began to crucify Thee, O Swan! Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night. Ah, sore was the suff'ring borne By the body of Mary's Son, But sorer still to Him was the grief Which for His sake Came upon His Mother.

GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Clayton

John 18:1-27

Hymn 206 - "This Is the Night" MY NEIGHBOR



1. This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
2. This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
3. This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
4. This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
5. O make us shar - ers, Sav - vior, of your Pas - sion,



when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
he who de - stroys our slav - er - y to sin;
that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;



the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing:
this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row



where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
and buys the ran - som price of hu - man - kind.
that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

John 18:28-19:16a

Hymn 218 - "Ah Holy Jesus" HERZLIEBSTER JESU
(Stanzas 1 -3)

Congregation stands on cue and remains standing until end of the Gospel Lesson

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
2. Who was the guil - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed?
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee;
the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered;

By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed,
"Twas I, Lord Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee;
for our a - tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed,

O most af - flict - - ed!
I cru - ci - fied thee.
God in - ter - ced - - ed.

John 19:16b-30

Silence

Hymn 223 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"HAMBURG

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
sor - row and the death of Christ my God;
that were a pres - ent far too small;

my rich - est gain I count but loss,
all the vain things that charm me most,
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

and I pour con - tempt on all my pride.
or sac - ri - fice them to blood.
de - mands my soul, my life, my crown?
all.

John 19:31-42

SOLEMN INTERCESSION.....Rev. Seamon

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Minister: Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

People: Come, let us worship.

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SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Following each Reproach the congregation shall respond:

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

CHIMES

(At the sound of the chimes, we reflect on Christ's thirty-three years on earth. Truly, he was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.)

SOLO - "Were You There?"SPIRITUAL
Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

All depart in silence following this service.

**Congregation standing*

During Holy Week, we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. Beginning with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, all of Holy week focuses on the passion. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. The service reflects a commonality with many strands of Christian tradition. Good Friday is a day for many contemplative moments, so let the power of silence speak for itself.

The passion narrative according to John is read on Good Friday, because at the heart of John's passion narrative is the good news of the cross—the victory of the cross. Thus, John's emphasis on crucifixion and glory corresponds to the tension and ambiguity of the day. This Gospel lesson will be presented as a choral reading: read in parts, alternating with hymns. It is customary for the congregation to stand after John 19:17, and remain standing through the remainder of the reading.

Easter Day

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

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Participants in Today's Service

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Adult & Comm. Ministries

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care

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