



He was
wounded
for our
transgressions.

Isaiah 53:5





April 19, 2019

Good Friday Worship

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE *BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS* arr. R. Hobby
 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED arr. M. Burkhardt

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted

HYMN # 152 *THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY* (HORSLEY)

PRAYER

Saviour of the world, what have you done to deserve this? And what have we done to deserve you? Strung up between criminals, cursed, and spat upon, you wait for death and look for us, for us whose sin has crucified you.

To the mystery of undeserved suffering you bring the deeper mystery of unmerited love. Forgive us for not knowing what we have done; open our eyes to see what you are doing now, as, through wood and nails, you disempower our depravity and transform us by your grace. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:13-53:12

PSALM Psalm 22, p. 744, Parts 1-4

HYMN # 143 **MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN** (LOVE UNKNOWN)

SECOND LESSON Luke 23:13-25

THIRD LESSON Luke 23:32-43

HYMN # 182 **STAY WITH US THROUGH THE NIGHT** (CASSWELL)

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

OFFERING / ANTHEM *HUMBLE CROSS* Parker/Raney

OFFERTORY **PRAISE GOD** (OLD 100TH)

*Praise God throughout these forty days,
Praise Christ our Lord whom God will raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's Love in Christ into our hearts.*

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Each of the "Reproaches" ends with the phrase
"In a world filled with so much suffering,"
to which the congregation responds,
"Lord, have mercy."

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN # 145 **O SACRED HEAD** (PASSION CHORALE)

TOLLING OF THE BELL

*The bells toll thirty-three times, once for each year of Jesus' life on earth.
When the bells cease, please depart in silence.
There is no benediction this day.
Our service and watch continues into the night and the empty tomb.*

A Note on Good Friday and Anti-Semitism The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries, many Christians blamed “The Jews” for Christ’s death. This interpretation is incorrect, misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment, one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically, Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.

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