



Good Friday



# West Side Presbyterian Church

## Good Friday Service of Prayer

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April 19, 2019

1:00 pm

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### **SILENT MEDITATION BEFORE THE SERVICE**

On this Good Friday (notice the paradoxical name of this day), ponder the Prophet Isaiah's words (53:4-5) not only as an act of suffering *for* us, but also as an act of suffering *with us*:

Surely He has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted Him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon Him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by His bruises we are healed.

### **PRELUDE**

Prelude in C# minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

### **\*WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today, we remember what You did for us.

**Help us to reflect on what we have done to You.**

Today, we remember what the world does to us.

**Help us to commit ourselves again to Your way, truth, and life.**

Let us pray:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*The congregation may stand 3

**\*HYMN 93**

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 18:1-27**

*Brief Silent Meditation*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 18:28-19:16**

*Brief Silent Meditation*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 19:17-42**

*Brief Silent Meditation*

**\*HYMN 92**

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

ST. CHRISTOPHER

**\*SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS**

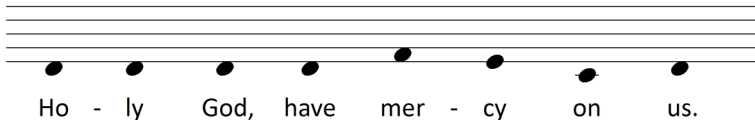
Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

**Come, let us bow and pray.**

O My people, O My church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?

Answer Me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna:

I brought you through tribulation and penitence,  
and gave you My body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done?

I planted you, My chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of My vine;  
but when I was thirsty, you gave Me vinegar to drink  
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led Me to the judgment hall of Pilate.

I defeated your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,  
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten Me.

I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,  
but you have given Me gall and left Me to thirst,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,  
but you have given Me a crown of thorns.

I raised you on high with great power,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of My love,  
but you draw the sword to strike in My name and seek high places in My kingdom.

I offered you My body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon Me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, but you close your hearts to the Counselor.  
I pray that all may be one in the Father and Me, but you continue to quarrel and divide.  
I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for My clothing,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

I grafted you into the tree of My chosen Israel,  
and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.  
I made you joint heirs with them of My covenants  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;  
I was hungry and you gave Me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me,  
naked and you did not clothe Me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit Me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, have mercy on us.**

*Following this service, the Prayer Stations will continue in the chapel.  
Please either leave silently, remain in silent prayer, participate in the prayer stations,  
or plan to return to tonight's Tenebrae Service as we keep awake with Jesus  
and contemplate the events of this day.*

I made your name known to them, and I will make it known,  
so that the love with which you have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

-John 17:26

# Worship Leaders

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## Worship Schedule for Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

### **Good Friday, April 19**

2:00 pm to 5:30 pm Prayer Stations - Pulsifer Chapel  
8:00 pm Service of Tenebrae - Sanctuary

### **Holy Saturday, April 20**

6:00 pm Easter Eve Contemporary Service - DePhillips Hall

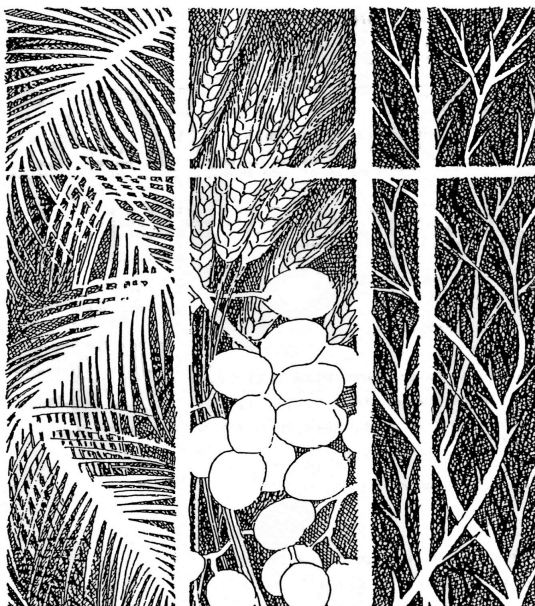
### **Easter Sunday, April 21**

8:45 am Worship with Communion - Sanctuary  
11:15 am Worship with Communion - Sanctuary



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*The bulletin cover* is the art work of Laura Rogers Vriesema. The covers bring us the message of Holy Week through the panels for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. On today's cover, for Good Friday, we see that the palms of last Sunday have evolved first into sheaves of wheat and a cluster of grapes, symbols of the Holy Communion (for Maundy Thursday), and then into today's cross and tangle of thorns symbolizing Good Friday's crucifixion. The trumpeting lilies you will see on Sunday express the joy of Easter morning. All are bound together with a screen of crosses, the symbol of God's sacrificial love.