

Good Friday Service

April 2, 2021

6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

PSALTER

Psalm 22

see insert

OPENING PRAYER

***On this night, O God, we stand near the cross – distraught and desolate.
Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this
solemn night let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world,
revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

HOMILY

Rev. George Ragsdale

MUSIC

"Elegie"
Oksana McCarthy, cello

Gabriel Faure

READING OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

LESSON I

Matthew 26:36-46
Jesus' disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane

RESPONSE

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

The first candle is extinguished.

LESSON II

Matthew 26:47-56
Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss

RESPONSE

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"
Catherine Ragsdale, soprano

Dan Forrest

The second candle is extinguished.

LESSON III

Matthew 26:57-68
Jesus before the Sanhedrin

RESPONSE

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

The third candle is extinguished.

LESSON IV

Matthew 26:69-75
Peter's denial

RESPONSE

"Even Here"
Renee Painter, soprano

Mark Miller

The fourth candle is extinguished.

LESSON V

Matthew 27:15-26
Jesus before Pilate

RESPONSE

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"
The fifth candle is extinguished.

LESSON VI

Matthew 27:27-44
The soldiers mock Jesus

RESPONSE

"Pie Jesu"
Sally Bashant, Catherine Ragsdale, duet

Andrew Lloyd Webber

The sixth candle is extinguished.

LESSON VII

Matthew 27:45-50
The death of Jesus

RESPONSE

"Lacrymosa"
Oksana McCarthy, cello

W. A. Mozart

The Christ candle is extinguished.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LESSON VIII

Matthew 27:51-54
Surely, he was the Son of God

RESPONSE

"Were You There"
Jim Allgood, baritone

PSALTER

Psalm 22:1-18, 25-31

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
- 3 Yet you, the praise of Israel, are enthroned in holiness.
- 4 ***In you our forebears trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.***
- 5 To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not disappointed.
- 6 But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;
- 8 "He committed his cause to the Lord; let the Lord deliver him.
Let the Lord rescue him, for the Lord delights in him!"
- 9 ***Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.***
- 10 Upon you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.
- 11 ***Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.***
- 12 Many bulls encompass me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- 13 ***they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.***

- 14 I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
- 15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 Indeed, dogs surround me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet —
- 17 I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
- 18 they divide my garments among them,
and for my raiment, they cast lots.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live for ever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.
- 28 For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.
- 29 **All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.**
All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.
- 30 **Posterity shall serve the Lord;**
each generation shall tell of the Lord,
- 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.
Surely the Lord has done it.