



APRIL 7, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Silent Procession

Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of Christ we gather on this day of Good Friday to remember anew the struggle of the cross and the final victory.

People: With you, Lord, we wish to remain.

Leader: Let us walk together to the cross, see our Lord's suffering, hear his voice pleading for drink, and asking for pardon for those who tortured him mercilessly.

People: O, how to hold back the tears in the midst of so much pain? And even then, you taught us how to love.

Leader: When the day darkened and it seemed to envelop the whole earth, we thought all was lost.

People: But amid the darkness, we saw your light.

Leader: It was there when the sun darkened and the temple veil tore in half that we heard your voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Then there was peace.

People: In the midst of life's darkness, peace also comes when, with complete confidence, we offer ourselves to you, beloved Lord.

Leader: Because in that hour of darkness and pain your light shone brightly when the centurion exclaimed, "Truly this man is the Son of God."

People: With you, Lord, we wish to remain.

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*Opening Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross" (Vs. 1 & 4)

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Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:9

WHY WE ARE HERE

Pastor Jeremiah

The Reproaches: Christ's Lament against humanity

Leader: O my people, my siblings, my children, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? 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.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: 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 hanged me on the cross.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

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

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but 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.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry, but you gave me no food. Thirsty, but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me. Naked, but you did not clothe me. Sick and in prison, but you did not visit me.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Silence

Prayer for Healing

All: **We draw the sword to claim high places for ourselves. We scourge, mock, and beat you, Jesus. We prepared a cross for you. We hung you on it. We pierced your side with the spear. We willfully break the fellowship you prayed to be one. We make scapegoats of people we deem other. We create or refuse to end malnutrition, contamination of water, poverty, sickness, inhospitality, and imprisonment.**

Silence

All: **Jesus, keep us near the cross, that we may be drawn back to you, and be healed. Amen.**

Let us all turn to those around us and say

All: **May Jesus draw you to himself, and heal you.**
Adapted from the UMC Book of Worship

Special Music

“For Love of You”

Chancel Choir

1st Reading

Luke 22:1-5: Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

2nd Reading

Luke 22: 7-8, 14-17, 19, 21-23: The Last Supper

***Hymn**

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (Vs. 1 & 2)

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3rd Reading

Luke 22: 24-26: Humble Service

4th Reading

Luke 22:31-34: Christ Predicts Simon’ Peter’s Denial

5th Reading

Luke 22:39-44: Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

***Hymn**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (Vs. 1-3)

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6th Reading

Luke 22: 47-51: Jesus Arrested

7th Reading **Luke 22:54-62: Peter Disowns Jesus**

8th Reading **Luke 22:63-65: The Guards Mock Jesus**

***Hymn** **“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”** **UMH#286**

9th Reading **Luke 22:66-27:3, 27:13-14, 16-20, 23-25: Jesus Before Pilate**

10th Reading **Luke 23:26, 32-43: The Crucifixion of Jesus**

11th Reading **Luke 23:44-49: The Death of Jesus**

Choir Anthem **“Were You There”** **Chancel Choir**

The Final Reading **Luke 23: 50-55: The Burial of Jesus**

The people depart in silence.