



Westminster Presbyterian Church Service for Good Friday

10 April 2020 + 12:00 noon

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary

Adagio in D-flat

Franz Liszt

Tolling of the Bell

Opening Sentences

John 1:5, 8:12, Luke 24:29

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

that the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;

and may the poor be lifted up.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness

and illumine your church.

Hymn 228

Were You There

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (repeat)

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (repeat)

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (repeat)

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,


Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (repeat)

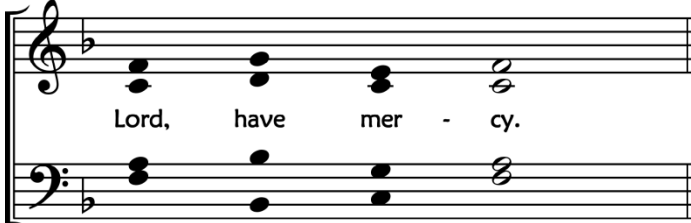
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Prayers

Rev. Trajan McGill

Each petition is offered according to the following form:

Leader: 

People: 

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Leader: We confess...let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Leader: We praise...let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Leader: We ask...let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Leader: Trusting in your grace, O Lord, and knowing that you hear our innermost thoughts, we lift up to you all that your Spirit has placed upon our hearts. Hear us, and speak to us, in the quiet of our minds.

Silence for meditation

Leader: Commending these, our needs and hopes along with those of our neighbors, to God our Maker, who alone is our strength and our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Merciful God, as a potter fashions a vessel from humble clay, you form us into a new creation. Shape us, day by day, through the cross of Christ your Son, until we pray as continually as we breathe and all our acts are prayer; and so we pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

People: **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, forever; amen.**

Reflection

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Music When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Music: Richard Shephard
Words: Isaac Watts

The Passion According to John

John 18:1-12 **The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

Music Into the Woods My Master Went

Into the woods my Master went, clean forspent
Into the woods, my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame
But the olives they weren't blind to Him,
The little gray leaves were kind to Him,
The thorn tree had a mind to Him,
When into the woods he came.

Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods My Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last:
'Twas on a tree they slew him last,
When out of the woods He came.

Music: Richard Shephard
Words: Sidney Lanier

John 18:13-27 **Jesus Before the Priests**

Music Out of the Depths

Out of the depths I cry unto thee,
Hear my voice! Hear thou my supplications,
Hear my prayer, O Lord and my supplications.
If thou, O Lord should mark my iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
Out of the depths I cry to thee, O Lord.

Music: Camille Saint-Saëns
Words: Psalm 130

John 18:28-19:16a **Jesus Before Pilate**

Music When Jesus Wept

When Jesus wept the falling tear
In mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear
Seized all the guilty world around.

Take up your cross the Savior said.
If you would my disciple be,
Take up your cross with willing heart
And humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, then in Christ's strength,
And calmly every danger brave.
It guides you to abundant life
And leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.

Music: William Billings
Words: William Billings and Charles Everst

John 19:16b-30 The Crucifixion of Jesus

Music Lamb of God Most Holy

Lamb of God most holy, who upon the cross did suffer.
Patient and still and lowly, thyself to scorn did offer.
Our sins were taken for us.
Else despair reigned o'er us.
Have mercy, O Jesus!

Music: Robert Pearsall
Words: Nikolaus Decius

John 19:31-42 The Burial of Jesus

Music What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul;
That caused the Lord of bliss
To lay aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

Music: Charles Dupree
Words: American Folk Hymn

The service continues Easter Sunday morning.

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff

Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life

Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Julie Blythe, Alto Amanda Neubauer, Soprano

Bob Fox, Videographer