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# GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP & COMMUNION

Friday, March 30, 2018 | 7 PM

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West End Presbyterian Church  
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We encourage individuals and families to use this day to pray and reflect on the significance of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Tonight's service of corporate prayer, Scripture reading, confession, and celebration of our Lord's death helps us to consider and respond to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ for us.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

No one can redeem the life of another  
or give to God a ransom for them—  
the ransom for a life is costly,  
no payment is ever enough—  
so that they should live on forever  
and not see decay.

– *Psalm 49:7-9*

With the farming of a verse  
Make a vineyard of the curse,  
Sing of human unsuccess  
In a rapture of distress.

– *W.H. Auden*

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## NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

*"The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." – 1 John 1:7*

*Soloist:*

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*People:*

***Oh! Precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.***

**For my pardon this I see—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can for sin atone—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my hope and peace—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Text/Tune: Robert Lowry (1876)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*ISAIAH 53:8-12*

*\*\*Congregation, please stand if you are able.*

*Leader:*

For He was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people  
He was stricken.

*People:*

**He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in His death,  
though He had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in His mouth.**

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him  
and cause Him to suffer,  
and though the Lord  
makes His life a guilt offering,  
He will see His offspring and prolong His  
days, and the will of the Lord  
will prosper in His hand.

**After the suffering of His soul,  
He will see the light of life, and be satisfied;  
by His knowledge my righteous servant  
will justify many,  
and He will bear their iniquities.**

Therefore I will give Him  
a portion among the great,  
and He will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because He poured out His life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For He bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

## JESUS IS BETRAYED

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*Psalm 41:9*

Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

*Matthew 7:21*

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

*Matthew 26:6-25*

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste? This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?"

So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

"Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'"

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?"

"The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

"Yes, it is you."

*\*\*Congregation, please be seated.*

## AH, HOLY JESUS

"He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." – Isaiah 53:3

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fen - ded,  
2. Who was the guil - ty? Who brought this up - on thee?  
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - ten - ded? By  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas  
the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered. For  
thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion; thy

foes de - ri - ded, by thine own re - jec - ted, O most af - flic - ted!  
I, Lord Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
our a - tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ce - ded.  
death of an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

Text: Johann Heerman (1630), transl. Robert Bridges (1897) Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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## JESUS IS DESERTED

*Psalms 31:9-14*

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief. My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak. Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; I am a dread to my friends—those who see me on the street flee from me. I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; they conspire against me and plot to take my life. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

*John 12:23-28*

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour?" No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

*Mark 14:32-41*

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death; Stay here and keep watch."

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

*\*\*Congregation, please stand if you are able.*

## **HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR**

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*"He was despised and rejected[a] by many, a man of sorrows and acquainted with[c] grief." – Isaiah 53:3*

"Man of Sorrows," what a name  
For the Son of God, who came,  
Ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood,  
Sealed my pardon with His blood:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He,  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished" was His cry;  
Now in Heav'n exalted high:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*Text/Tune: Philip P. Bliss (1875)*

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## JESUS IS DENIED

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*Zechariah 13:7*

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the LORD Almighty. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered...”

*John 10:14-15*

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

*Matthew 26:31,33-35*

This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

“I tell you the truth, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

“Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”

And all the other disciples said the same.

*Luke 22:54-62*

Then seizing Jesus, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.” But he denied it. “I don’t know him.”

A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“No, I am not!”

About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

“I don’t know what you’re talking about!”

Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

*\*\*Congregation, please stand if you are able.*

## HELP MY UNBELIEF

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*"I believe; help my unbelief!" Luke 9:24*

I know the Lord is nigh,  
And would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try  
And frights my soul away,  
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent,  
Though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft,  
Till Jesus make it soft.

*Help my unbelief.*

*Help my unbelief.*

*Help my unbelief.*

*My help must come from Thee.*

I would but cannot love,  
Though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine,  
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest,  
In God's most holy will;  
I know what He appoints is best,  
And murmur at it still,  
I murmur at it still.

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*\*\*Congregation, please be seated.*

## JESUS IS ACCUSED

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*Isaiah 53:7*

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

*John 8:44-45*

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

*Mark 14:53,55-64*

They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:

"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'"

Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

"I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

They all condemned him as worthy of death.

*Mark 15:1-15*

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

“Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Yes, it is as you say.”

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him: “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?”

Pilate knew it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?”

**Congregation: “Crucify him!”**

“Why? What crime has he committed?”

But they shouted all the louder,

**Congregation: “Crucify him!”**

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

**Silence**

## **JESUS SUFFERED**

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*Isaiah 53:1-6*

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

**Congregation:**

**He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.**

**He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

**He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.**

**Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

**Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.**

**But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

*1 Peter 2:21-24*

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.

Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

*Mark 15:16-20*

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him,

**Congregation: "Hail, king of the Jews!"**

Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

*\*\* Congregation, please stand as you are able and remain standing through the next set of readings.*

## WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?

*"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." – 1 John 3:1*

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
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, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

*Traditional American Folk Hymn*

## JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

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*Psalm 22:1-2,6-8,14-18*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from the words of my groaning?  
O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not  
answer,  
by night, and am not silent.  
But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by men and despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me; they hurl insults,  
shaking their heads:  
He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.  
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.  
I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted away within me.  
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
Dogs have surrounded me;  
a band of evil men has encircled me,  
they have pierced my hands and my feet.  
I can count all my bones;  
people stare and gloat over me.  
They divide my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.

*Luke 9:23*

If anyone would come after me, he must deny  
himself and take up his cross daily and follow  
me.

*Luke 23:32-43*

Two other men, both criminals, were also  
led out with him to be executed. When they  
came to the place called the Skull, there they  
crucified him, along with the criminals—one  
on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said,  
“Father, forgive them, for they do not know  
what they are doing.”

And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.  
The people stood watching, and the rulers even  
sneered at him. They said,

***Congregation:***

**“He saved others; let him save himself  
if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”**

The soldiers also came up and mocked him.  
They offered him wine vinegar and said,

***Congregation:***

**“If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”**

There was a written notice above him, which  
read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the  
criminals who hung there hurled insults at him:

“Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him.

“Don’t you fear God . . . since you are under the  
same sentence? We are punished justly, for we  
are getting what our deeds deserve. But this  
man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you  
come into your kingdom.”

Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today  
you will be with me in paradise.”

*\*\* Congregation, please be seated.*

***Silence***

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

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*"Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" Matthew 20:30*

Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy...  
Lord, have mercy...

*adapted from Gregory Wilbur, "Kyrie" (2009)*

## **SERMON**

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Pastor Steve Shelby

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy**

**blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against You, You only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You may be justified in Your words and  
blameless in Your judgment.**

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, You delight in truth in the inward  
being, and You teach me wisdom  
in the secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.  
Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,**

**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
and sinners will return to You.  
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness,  
O God, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud  
of Your righteousness.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**For You will not delight in sacrifice,  
or I would give it;  
You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
The sacrifices of God  
are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God,  
You will not despise.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*Grape juice is served in the inner rings and wine in the outer ring of the communion trays. All bread is gluten-free.*

## **OFFERING**

*Tonight's offering provides support for the needy in our church and community and for ministries approved by the West End Presbyterian Church Diaconate.*

## WHITE AS SNOW

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*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."  
– Psalm 51:10*

Have mercy on me, oh God  
According to Your unfailing love,  
According to Your great compassion,  
Blot out my transgressions.

*Would You create in me a clean heart, oh God?  
Restore in me the joy of Your salvation.  
Would You create in me a clean heart, oh God?  
Restore in me the joy of Your salvation.*

The sacrifices of our God  
Are a broken and contrite heart  
Against You and You alone have I sinned.

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## JESUS DIES

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*Exodus 12:21-23*

Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down."

*John 1:29*

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

*Luke 23:44-46*

It was now about the sixth hour of Passover, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

When he had said this, he breathed his last.

## *Depart in Silence*

*Tonight's sermon was given by Pastor Steve Shelby. Worship was led by Pastor Kevin Greene. Congregational singing was led by Tyler Pease, along with Robin Huff, Katie Jensen, and Jason Weippert. Tonight's readers were Tim Blackburn, Stephen Hunn, Meredith Nystrom, and Ron Walters.*

*If you are visiting with us, we hope that you will attend this Sunday's service in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday services will be held at 9 AM and 10:30 AM on April 1.*

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