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Good Friday Devotions

March 21, 2008

Noon to 3 pm

✠ The Passion Narrative of John ✠

** Please silence your cell phones and pagers on entering the sanctuary.*

We welcome you to this Good Friday service of worship which begins at noon and continues through 3 pm, the hour of Jesus' death. The service is divided into six major passages of scripture from the Gospel of John, each of which portrays our Lord's Passion beginning with his vigil in the garden of Gethsemane. The order is intentionally simple, and will repeat itself at one half-hour intervals. Please do not leave the service during times of silence, but wait until the congregation stands for the next hymn. Preachers for the day, in order of service, are:

12:00 pm	The Rev. J.C. Austin , Associate Pastor
12:30 pm	Douglas G. Grace , Seminarian
1:00 pm	The Rev. Anne L. Conroy , Parish Associate
1:30 pm	The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson , Pastor
2:00 pm	Jessica Patchett Anderson , Seminarian
2:30 pm	The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett , Associate Pastor



PRELUDE

Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619
O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Anderson

I

*HYMN 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Redhead

(*Let all who are able, stand.)

*PRAYER (unison)

Forbid, O God, that we should forget, amid our earthly comforts, the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord endured for our salvation. Grant us this day a vision of all that he suffered; betrayal, lonely agony, false trial, mocking and scourging, and the torture of death upon the cross. Lord Jesus Christ, as you have given yourself to us completely, may we give ourselves completely to you. This we ask in your holy name. Amen.

LESSON

John 18:1-14

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ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

Thomas Morley
(c.1557-1602)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Silence

II

*HYMN 86

When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son

Psalm 22

*PRAYER (unison)

Most merciful God, who in compassion sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world, grant us grace to lament our share in the evil which caused him to suffer and die. In this time of worship, prepare us for lives of deeper repentance and faithfulness. Free us from sin and all complicity, which seek to separate us from your love, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

LESSON

John 18:15-27

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ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (from *Missa Brevis No. 11*)

*Healey Willan
(1880-1968)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

SERMON

Jesus Before Caiphas and Peter's Denial

Douglas G. Grace

CLOSING PRAYER

Silence

III

*HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

*PRAYER (unison)

O God, whose only-begotten Son remained silent in the face of false charges, rejection, flogging and a crown of thorns, give us grace that we may follow his example. By your Spirit, endue us with his faithfulness, that we too may take up the way of the cross in patience and humility. Sustained by the fellowship of his suffering, bring us, at last, to dwell with him in eternal glory. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

LESSON

John 18:28-19:16a

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ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (from *Mass in G major*)

*Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Katherine Wessinger, soprano; Rod Gomez, baritone

SERMON

Jesus Before Pilate and the Crowd

Anne L. Conroy

CLOSING PRAYER

Silence

IV

HYMN 76

My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

*PRAYER (unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake suffered death upon the cross, help us to bear within us your dying, that our living might show forth your life. Give us grace to grieve our sin with true sorrow, learning to live by the grace and power of the One you taught us to call Father. This we ask in your holy name. Amen.

LESSON

John 19:16b-25a

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ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (from *Missa Brevis*, Op. 57)

Lennox Berkeley
(1903-1989)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

SERMON

Crucifixion

Dr. Anderson

CLOSING PRAYER

Silence

V

*HYMN 99

Throned Upon The Awful Tree

Arfon

*PRAYER (unison)

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who in agony and despair felt abandoned in your hour of greatest need, draw us near to you in this fellowship of sorrow, that we may learn faithfulness in every pain and hardship, and entrust our lives to the Father, confident that nothing can separate us from God's love for us in you. This we ask in your saving name. Amen.

LESSON

John 19:25b-30

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SOLO

Agnus Dei (from *Mass in B minor*)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Jennifer Cho, alto

SERMON

Dying

Jessica Patchett Anderson

CLOSING PRAYER

Silence

VI

*HYMN 100

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

*PRAYER (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, one of us betrayed you, another denied you, and all of us have forsaken you. Yet you have remained faithful to us, even through death on a cross. Strengthen us in this hour that we may not turn aside, but follow you in faithfulness through the valley of the shadow of death, and into the light of the final victory which you alone can give. This we ask in your saving and holy name. Amen.

LESSON

John 19:31-42

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ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb of God (from *Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Behold the lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)

SERMON

Burial

Beverly A. Bartlett

CLOSING PRAYER

Reproaches from the Cross

Dr. Anderson

Pastor: ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord God, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

Hymnal, p. 16 (Traditional)

(Silence)

*THE NICENE CREED (*Ecumenical Version*)

Hymnal, p. 15

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Anderson

POSTLUDE

Come, Sweet Death, Come, Blessed Rest

Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 pm: Service of Tenebrae
The Pastoral Staff

EASTER DAY — March 23
Festival Services of
Word and Sacrament
9 and 11:15 am

"Meeting the Risen Christ"
Dr. Anderson, preaching

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