



Good Friday
April 10, 2020
7:00pm

Welcome

Music for Worship Preparation

Adagio for strings

Samuel Barber

Prayer of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Clergy Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold your family across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Duet *When Jesus Wept*

Kip Coerper and Michael Larkin

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

Dramatic Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 26: 36 – 27:54

Reflection

The Rev. Toppie Bates

Duet *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Kip Coerper and Michael Larkin

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! _____ Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Prayers for the World

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

As the cross draws us to new life in Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

Brief silence

Leader Let us pray for the Church of Christ throughout the world;

People For its unity in witness and service, for all those who worship in homes on these holy days, for those isolated due to illness or age, for all those seeking to serve their neighbors.

Leader May all your people be whole and one.

Leader I invite your prayers. *Brief silence*

Leader Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those to whom their care is entrusted;

People For all leaders around the world, for the President of the United States and his advisors, and especially for the Governor of New York, for the County Executives, and all who serve the common good.

Leader: By God's help may they may seek justice and truth and the well-being of all people.

Leader I invite your prayers. *Brief silence*

Leader Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit;

People For the hungry and homeless, the destitute and oppressed; for the mentally and physically ill, the wounded, and crippled; for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish; for those who face temptation, doubt, selfishness or despair; for the sorrowful and bereaved; for prisoners and refugees, and those in mortal danger. Especially we pray for all medical personnel and their families, and all those who labor this night for the sake of others. Stir in us the will to pray on their behalf.

Leader: May God in his mercy protect, comfort, and restore all for whom we pray, and grant them the knowledge of his love.

Leader I invite your prayers. *Brief silence*

Leader

Lord Jesus Christ, it was not the nails that held you to the cross. Nor was it our sin. Our sin could not compel God to do anything at all, much less nail God's own self to a cross, if God did not so choose. No, it was your love, Lord Jesus, that held you there--your love for us. Your love is what makes this day Good. Thank you Lord, for loving us so much, that you stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross, that ALL the world might come within your loving embrace. It is in your name that we pray. AMEN.

Postlude

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Readers of the Passion Gospel

Narrator: Marie Hughes

Jesus: Chuck Stewart

Judas/Centurion: Sandy Gelston

High Priest: Bill Buterbaugh

Servant Girl 1 and 2: Katherine Teasedale-Edwards

Peter: Hamilton Fish

Pilate: Rick Burton

Crowd/Chief Priests: Bill, Corinne and John Buterbaugh