

Good Friday

April 15, 2022 7:00pm

Welcome

Music for Worship Preparation

Adagio for Strings

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Prayer of the Day

ClergyThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.ClergyLet 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.**

Hymn	Were You There When They Crucified My Lord	Hymn 172
Dramatic Reading of the Gospel		John 19: 1-37
Reflection		The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper
Music for Reverencing the Cross	Ah Holy Jesus	Hal Hopson

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

LeaderLet us pray for the Church of Christ throughout the world;PeopleFor its unity in witness and service, for all those who worship wherever they may be on these holy
days, for those isolated due to illness or age, for all those seeking to serve their neighbors.LeaderMay all your people be whole and one.
I invite your prayers for the Church throughout the world.Brief silence

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

PeopleFor all leaders around the world, for President Joseph Biden and his advisors, for all Governors and
Mayors, for all 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. I invite your prayers for leaders throughout the world.

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 first responders 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.I invite your prayers for all those in any kind of need.

Brief silence

- *Leader* Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- *Leader* Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Brief silence

Leader O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Let us prayer together, saying the words our Savior Christ has taught us,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

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