
Good Friday Service

April 14, 2017

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 31*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Please gather in silence for Worship

†Call to Worship

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

Congregation: **And also with you!**

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

Who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,

Even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Philippians 2:8

†Hymn #178 "O sacred Head, now wounded"

Trinity Hymnal

†Prayer

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 52:13—53:10a*

Hymn #181 "O dearest Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

O my people, O my church, What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy on us.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna:
I brought you through tribulation and temptation,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

What more could I have done for you that I have not done?

I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,

I made you the branches of my vine:

but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

O Lord, forgive us our sin.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, forgive us our sins.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, God of love, have mercy upon us.

Hymn #186 "When I survey the wondrous cross"
[Kneeling] We Confess Our Sins:

Trinity Hymnal

O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us: Save us and help us, we humbly ask you, O Lord. Forbid, O God, that we should forget, amid our earthly comforts, the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. Grant us this day a true vision of all that he suffered, in his betrayal, his lonely agony, his false trial, his mocking and scourging, and the torture of death upon the cross. As you have

**graciously given yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves
entirely to you, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior.**

Silent Prayer. **Amen!**

Hymn #192 "Stricken, smitten, and afflicted"

Trinity Hymnal

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 31:1-10*

Responsive Reading of *Psalms 31:11-24*

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,

And an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—

As they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O Yahweh;
I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!

O Yahweh, let me not be put to shame,
for I call upon you;

Let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go silently to Sheol.

Let the lying lips be mute,
**which speak insolently against the righteous
in pride and contempt.**

Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you

and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!

In the cover of your presence you hide them
from the plots of men;

You store them in your shelter
from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be Yahweh,
**for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.**

I had said in my alarm,
"I am cut off from your sight."

But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cried to you for help.

Love Yahweh, all you his saints!
**Yahweh preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for Yahweh!

Choral Meditation "Surely he hath borne our griefs" *Isaiah 53:3,4*

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities,
The chastisement of our peace was upon him.

Music: Handel's Messiah
Joanie Harris, organ; Jonathan Wooldridge, violin

The New Testament Reading: *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

†Hymn #187 "Hark! the voice of love and mercy" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Lesson: *John 19:12-30*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **What if Jesus had not died on the cross?**

Congregational Prayer [Kneeling]

**Almighty God, look with mercy on your family
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and given over to the hands of sinners
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

[Kneeling] Choral Meditation from *The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Christ, we do all adore Thee,
And we do praise Thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.

Text: *Adoramus Te*, English version by Theodore Baker, 1899
Music: Theodore Dubois, 1866, from *The Seven Last Words of Christ*; Tim Weston, directing

†The Congregation Departs From the Sanctuary & Church in Silence