



GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

MARCH 25, 2016 • 7 p.m.

Easter Services

Sunday, March 27, 2016

8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary • 9:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall

We invite you to join us each Sunday morning.
Regular worship times are 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
and The Gathering at 10:45 a.m. in Friendship Hall

GATHERING AND PREPARING OURSELVES

Prelude

Passacalio
by Blagio Marini

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

We see the cross, but want to turn away, for on the cross we see the sin of the world.

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

We see the cross on which was hung the one who did not deserve this death.

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

We see the cross, but want to turn away, for there is a love so strong it shames us.

We turn away, but want to see the cross, for there is a love so strong it heals us.

*Hymn, No. 217

On a Barren Hilltop
KING'S WESTON

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, born of woman as is every person and yet born of God's power as was no other person, how did we come to this night?

How is it, O God, that you who bind up the broken and comfort the bruised, can be broken and bruised? How did we come to this night?

Lord Jesus, teacher of fishermen and tax collectors,
redeemer of prostitutes and Pharisees,
lover of every soul;
how did we come to this night?

How is it, O God, that you have remained so faithful to your arrogant creation when we are so afraid and selfish that we take the one you give in grace and seek his death?

Lord Jesus, God's holy love made flesh to dwell among us
now hated, derided and crucified;
we know how we have come to this night;
the mystery we seek to know is this:
how did you come to this night?

**Let your redemption claim us once again.
In the name of him who was crucified for all, we pray. Amen**

*Hymn, No. 218 (st. 1,4,5)

Ah, Holy Jesus
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:13-31 (pg. 962)

THE SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

By Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Translated into English by Richard T. Gore

Introit

Since Jesus on the Cross was hung, by anguish sore his body wrung, in pain and bitter torment, then ponder well within thy heart his seven blessed sayings.

Symphony

The First Word

And it was close upon the third hour when they crucified the Lord, and Jesus said:
"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

The Second Word

There stood by the Cross of Jesus, Mary, his mother; Mary, his mother's sister; the wife of Cleophas; and Maria Magdalena. When Jesus, therefore, saw his mother, and beside her the disciple John, whom he loved, said he unto his mother: "Woman, behold now thy son."
And then said he to the disciple: "Beloved, this is thy mother; behold her, thy mother."
From that moment John took her as his mother.

The Third Word

Straightway one of the evil-doers who had been hanged railed on him and said:
"If thou art Christ, then help thyself and us."
And then answered the other, chiding him and said:
"O thou, hast thou then no fear of God, seeing thou dost share the same punishment?
Indeed, we are justly condemned, for we deserve punishment for deeds which we have done;
But remember, not a thing amiss hath this man done."
And unto Jesus he said:
"Lord, remember me when thou comest to thy kingdom."
And Jesus said: "Truly, I say to thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

The Fourth Word

And at about the ninth hour, he cried aloud, and said:
"Eli, lama sabachthani?"
Which is interpreted:
"My God, wherefore hast thou me forsaken?"

The Fifth Word

And after this, when Jesus knew that all things were done, that the Word might be fulfilled, said he:
"I am thirsty."
Now one among the soldiers present ran in haste, filled a sponge with vinegar and hyssop and brought it and put it on a reed and held it to his lips and gave him to drink.

The Sixth Word

Now when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said:
"It is fulfilled."

The Seventh Word

And once again he cried aloud, and said:
"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."
And after he had thus spoken, he inclined his head and gave up his spirit.

Symphony

Conclusion

He who holds the Savior's atonement dear and oft recalls the seven words,
He will receive God's own blessing, both here on earth, by God's good grace,
and there in the life everlasting.

Prayer of Good Friday

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:50-54 (pg. 963)

Hymn

Were You There

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble...
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Dismissal

**All who are able may stand*

Alegría Choir

Jessica Salley - Jesus
Jee-Yeun Kim - Evangelist
Rebecca Enslow - Evangelist
Jeff Howe - Evangelist
Bram Wayman - Evangelist
Jana Hutsler - Thief
Andrew North - Thief

Elisa Bickers, director

Andrea Brown
Devin Burton
Darren Davidson
Becca Higgins
Erin Kriss
Chris Leaver
Havilah Newman
Laurel Schaich
Matt Schaich

Kansas City Baroque Consortium

Violins: Rob Patterson,
Signe Sandquist and
Matthew Bennett
Viola: Brendan Pearson
Cello: Trilla Ray-Carter



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