



GOOD FRIDAY

Noon, April 7, 2023

Shelby Presbyterian Church

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST:
A MEDITATION ON THE CROSS
THROUGH MUSIC

PLEASE ENTER IN SILENCE

OPENING READING:	Matthew 26:47-56	Debra Haddock
OPENING PRAYERS OF INVOCATION AND ILLUMINATION:		Drew Mangione
CHIME:		Sue Breen
CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION:		Debra Haddock

On this Good Friday, we contemplate the good news of the cross:
How Christ the Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering and sin.
How Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us.
Let us then turn to the outstretched arms of our Lord and be truthful to confess our sin.

We have not loved and embraced others, as our Lord our God loves and embraces us.

Confessing our sin before God and neighbor, let us also be truthful to confess our hope. (silence)

Come and see the beloved Son of God. **He is high and lifted up.**
Come and see the Ruler of the nations. **He is high and lifted up.**
Come and see the Savior of the world. **He is high and lifted up — upon a cross.**

SCRIPTURE:	Luke 23:32-34	Carol Ann Hoard
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"Meditation for Good Friday"</i> (Hopson)	Emily Monroe
SCRIPTURE:	Luke 23:39-43	Debra Haddock
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"Amazing Love"</i>	Bruce Moser
SCRIPTURE:	John 19:26-27	Carol Ann Hoard
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"O, Sacred Head Now Wounded"</i>	Emily Monroe & Sherry Thomas
SCRIPTURE:	Matthew 27:45-46	Drew Mangione
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"Wondrous Love"</i>	Mary Conner & Lyn Huston
SCRIPTURE:	John 19:28	Carol Ann Hoard
HYMN #228:	<i>"Were You There"</i>	(verses 1 and 2)

SCRIPTURE: John 19:29-30 Debra Haddock
 HYMN #228: "Were You There" (verses 4 and 5)
 SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:45-46 Drew Mangione
 SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Old Rugged Cross" Joyce Boyette
 MEDITATION: From Oration 29 by Gregory of Nazianzus Drew Mangione
 CHIME: Sue Breen
 HYMN #224: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
 PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY (Response: The Trisagion) Debra Haddock

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world.

CHIME: Sue Breen
 SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:55-65 Carol Ann Hoard
 CHARGE AND BEDICTION: *Living in Holy Saturday* Drew Mangione
 SPECIAL MUSIC: "77 (My Voice to God)" (Moser/Mangione) Bruce Moser
 DEPART SOLEMNLY AND SILENTLY



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"77 (My Voice to God)"

The lyrics below are based on Psalm 77 and adapted to the experience of the disciples after the crucifixion and leading up to their discovery of the resurrection. We have included them for your meditation as Bruce sings, or after.

My voice to God, I cry for help.
 My voice to God, can you hear me?
 My world is so narrow now, I reach for you in the night,
 I seek you, Lord.

I am pierced and cannot speak.
 Why do you hold my eyes open to see?
 I cannot breathe, I'm overwhelmed.
 How could you let this be?

No more favor? No more mercy?
 No more grace? Will you speak again?
 Are we forgotten? Have you compassion?
 Will my Lord be forever gone?

It's so dark and we are weak,
 It's so hard, but I will speak,
 In my grief, of God most high,
 I will remember.

Then as now, the sky was dark,
 The earth shook, lightning lit up the sky,
 Then as now, your people feared,
 Our hearts broke, water filled up our eyes.

In the sea, you made a way.
 In all that's empty, Lord will you stay?
 In the sea, you said this had to be.
 Please take my hand, Lord, I'll trust in your lead.

Through it all, I will say,
 "Great is our God. Holy is your way."

My voice to God, I trust in you.
 My voice to God, come take my hand.
 Your hope is open to all, I reach for you at dawn,
 I seek you, Lord.