



Good Friday

Noon, March 29, 2024
Shelby Presbyterian Church
Seven Last Words of Christ:
A Meditation on the Cross
Through Music and Scripture

PLEASE ENTER IN SILENCE

PRAYERS OF INVOCATION AND ILLUMINATION:	Drew Mangione
OPENING READING: Mark 14:53-65	Margie Trivett
CHIME:	Sue Breen
CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION:	Margie Trivett

On this Good Friday, we contemplate the good news of the cross:
 Christ the Lord, our grace, stretched out his arms to embrace a world suffering in bondage to sin and death.
 Christ, the Lord of Life, stretched out his arms to rescue us and free us from the powers of this world.
 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. We have too often given ourselves over to the powers of this world, losing sight of the Lord of life and justice. Forgive us Lord.
 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>"Ah, Holy Jesus"</i> (arr. Lau)	Emily Monroe
SCRIPTURE:	Luke 23:39-43	Margie Trivett
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"Wondrous Love"</i>	Paul Couey
SCRIPTURE:	John 19:26-27	Carol Ann Hoard
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"How Deep the Father's Love"</i>	Emily Monroe
SCRIPTURE:	Mark 15:33-34	Drew Mangione
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"O Sacred, Wondrous Love"</i> (arr. Sorenson)	Mary Conner, Lyn Huston, & Sherry Thomas
SCRIPTURE:	John 19:28	Margie Trivett
HYMN #216:	<i>"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"</i> (verses 1 and 2)	

SCRIPTURE: John 19:29-30 Carol Ann Hoard

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Were You There" (arr. Hogan) Bruce Moser

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:45-46 Margie Trivett

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (Bach) Carolyn Billings

MEDITATION: "On the Incarnation"—Athanasius of Alexandria (Book 4, Chapter 24) Drew Mangione

CHIME: Sue Breen

HYMN #223: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY (Response: The Trisagion) Carol Ann Hoard

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world. (3X)

CHIME: Sue Breen

CLOSING READING: Mark 15:40-48 Drew Mangione

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Will Not Abandon You (Based on Psalm 22)" (Part I) Bruce Moser

DEPART SOLEMNLY AND SILENTLY



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"I Will Not Abandon You"

The lyrics below are based on Psalm 22 as adapted to the experience of the disciples after the crucifixion. Part I, sung today, takes us from Good Friday to Holy Saturday and on Easter, the whole song will start our service.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

*Why are you so far from me?
 My cries by day you do not hear.
 At night I cannot be silent,
 O how I wish he was still near.*

*I hear him again, crying out,
 In the silent sabbath we mourned,
 Unable to forget the sight,
 To repeat his despair, I shout:*

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

*Like a worm, a man of reproach
 They mocked him as he hanged in sight,
 O God, why did he trust in you?
 They doubted you, you proved them right.*

*We have nowhere else to turn now.
 From our mother's womb it was you,
 You are the one we were to trust.
 So how then could his words be true:*

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

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