

ST. PETER'S UCC



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“Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted.”

Isaiah 53:4, NIV

Friday, April 7th, 2023

* - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

Welcome

Musical Prelude

“Were You There?” (arr. DeCou)

*Call to Worship

Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord.

People: **All the families of the nations will bow down before God.**

Leader: For dominion belongs to the Lord. God rules over the nations.

People: **All peoples on earth will feast and worship. Those who cannot keep themselves alive will kneel before the Lord.**

Leader: Posterity will serve God. Future generations will be told about the Lord.

People: **They will proclaim His righteousness to people yet unborn.**

*Opening Prayer

O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with Your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Christ Jesus, On Sunday, You Rode Into Town” Insert

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53:1-5

Hymn “Father, Forgive Them” Insert

Worshipping God with Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Near the Cross” (*arr. DeCou*)

*Doxology

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Meditation

Where Does Jesus’ Passion Take Us?

Pastor Kyle

The Service of Tenebrae (Extinguishing the Candles)

1. The Shadow of Betrayal (Mt. 26:20-25)

2. The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest (Mt. 26:36-50)

Hymn: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 1)

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3. The Shadow of Denial (Matthew 26:69-75)

4. The Shadow of Accusation (Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29)

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (vs. 1)

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5. The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation (Mt. 27:31-43)

6. The Shadow of Death (Mt. 27:45-54)

Hymn: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs. 1)

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7. The Shadow of Burial (Mt. 27:57-60)

Hymn: “Were You There?”

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***Dismissal**

Pastor: May Jesus Christ, Who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

People: Amen.

*****The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Eleanor Tyson.***

Christ Jesus, On Sunday, You Rode Into Town
ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11
("Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

Christ Jesus, on Sunday, You rode into town;
The crowds laid their coats and some palms on the ground.
They made You a welcome and called You their king,
But they did not know of the reign You would bring.

Christ Jesus, on Monday, You went up to pray;
The sellers were filling the Temple that day.
But who could be reverent? That courtyard was loud;
You overturned tables, dispersing the crowd.

Christ Jesus, on Thursday, You readied a place;
You hosted a meal and You offered the grace.
You told Your disciples, "Now eat of this bread,"
"Now drink of the cup of salvation," You said.

With basin and towel, with washing of feet,
You showed us where love and humility meet.
You loved till Your love led to suffering and loss;
You knelt down to serve us, then hung on a cross.

On Friday, You died, and the next day was bleak.
O Christ, we remember Your whole Holy Week.
We can't avoid suffering, or turn from what's true,
For out of Your death, we find new life in You.

Tune: Traditional Welsh hymn, in John Robert's Caniadau y Cyssegr (Songs of the Sanctuary), 1839 ("Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")
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Father, Forgive Them

ADELAIDE 5.4.5.4 D ("Have Thine Own Way, Lord")

"Father, forgive them!" Jesus, You prayed;
Even at death, Your love was profound.
You were rejected, You were betrayed —
Yet in Your Word here, mercies abound.

You prayed a Psalm that everyone knew:
"Why have You left me here all alone?"
Did You recall that Psalm's ending, too? —
God will deliver! Let it be known!

You cried, "I'm thirsty!" suffering Lord.
Who would give comfort? What would they do?
Teach us again: When we serve the poor,
We, too, are giving water to You.

"It is completed!" All was fulfilled.
You had been faithful, living God's way.
You knew the truth: Love could not be killed;
There would be triumph on the third day.

"Father!" You cried out, praying to God,
"Into Your hands My spirit I give."
Then on the cross, as love's final Word,
You died so all God's children might live.

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