



Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Clarendon Hills



Why have you forsaken me?
By Lauren Wright Pittman
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Good Friday Worship

Tenebrae Service

April 7, 2023

7:00 pm

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Dianna Tomisek & Teagan Manning

*Opening Sentences

Liz Monson

One: There really is nothing good about it.

All: There is no good in violence, in fear, in injustice, in cruelty.

One: Yet we call this day 'good' because God was there that day;

All: We call this day 'good' because God is here this day.

One: Knowing that God is with us, let us have courage to hear this terrible story once again.

All: And let us worship God.

*Hymn 216 v 1-2

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
v. 1 Choir only, v. 2 Congregation

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Call to Confession

Liz

One: When we seek God's mercy, we draw close to the mystery of faith: love that cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer.

Prayer of Confession

All: Ever-present God, on this Good Friday night, our whole world is engulfed in shadows as we remember the story of Jesus' death. We confess that we want to push the fast-forward button on this familiar story because it hurts so much.

It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath. It hurts to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the world. But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there: The pain of the world, of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice. Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and to us, to witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness and Love.

We confess, we are afraid to enter this pain with Jesus. Strengthen us with your courage; offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death; let us know you are present with us here in this moment of pain; now as always.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Beloved followers of Jesus, it is okay to feel hurt and uncomfortable as you enter into this story and imagine your place in it. Know that God meets you in the story, with comfort as well as challenge; with courage as well as love.

*Sung Response 602

Holy Lamb of God

YA HAMALALLAH

Arrest in the Garden

John 18:1-12

Stan Cook

Hymn 220 v 1, 2

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

Denial

John 18:15-18, 25-27

Pat Garner

Hymn 218 v 1, 2

Ah, Holy Jesus
v 1 All v 2 Choir

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The Trial

John 18:28-31, 33-40

Wayne Leopold, Larry Schulz

Hymn 221 v 1, 2, 3

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
v 1 & 2 All v 3 Choir only

PASSION CHORALE

The Verdict

John 19:1-16a

Kelly Bufton

Hymn 223 v 1

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

The Crucifixion

John 19:16b-30

Liz Monson

Hymn 223 v 3

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Reflection

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Hymn 223 v 4

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

The Burial

John 19:38 – 42

Gregg Morton

Hymn 228 v 1, 2, 5

Were You There
v 1 & 2 All v 5 Barbie Polus, soloist

WERE YOU THERE

Silence is kept

We depart in silence, contemplating the death of Jesus.
There is no benediction this evening so that we may remain in
a worshipful state of mind throughout Holy Saturday and
until we gather again on Easter morning.

USHER: Wendy Cook

READERS: Kelly Bufton, Stan Cook, Pat Garner, Wayne Leopold, Liz Monson, Gregg Morton, Larry Schulz

VOCAL SOLOIST: Barbie Polus

ONLINE HOST: Stephanie Rens-Domiano

AV: Robert Monson, Tristan Rush

REMOVING LITURGICAL SYMBOLS & SHROUDING: Dianna Tomisek, Teagan Manning, Todd Tomisek

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Worship

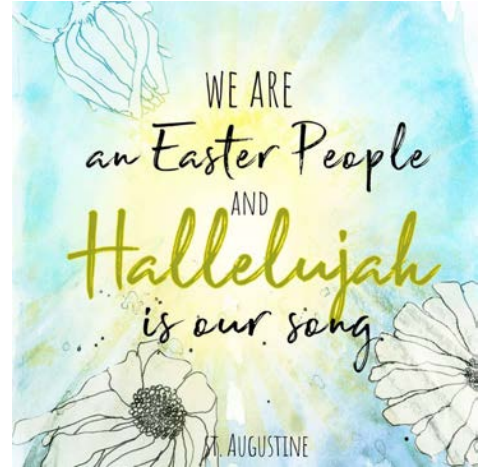
Celebration of Resurrection and Communion

7:00 am Sunrise Worship in the garden, in person only

7:45 am Continental Breakfast, Gathering Room

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary,
in person & livestream

Before and after worship: Walk the Easter story in the Garden



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