

The Worship of God **Good Friday**

April 15, 2022 at Noon

Order for the Worship of God

Please use this time to silently prepare and pray.

Music for Meditation

Stephen Nielson, Jamie Kohlmann, pianists

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Prelude

"Hear My Cry, O God" (*Psalm 61.1-5, 8*) Stephen Morscheck, *vocalist* • Nathan Davy, *organ* Leo Sowerby

Call to Worship: Psalm 22.1-22, *Trinity Hymnal, page 790* The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 247

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PASSION CHORALE

Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

Please be seated.

Musical Meditation

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Mr. Morscheck, *vocalist* • Dr. Davy, *organ*

arr. Lyn Murray

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27.27-54

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him. 32 As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. 33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34 they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. 35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. ³⁷ And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God." ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way. 45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with Him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Meditation

"The King's Sacrifice"

The Rev. Tommy Overton

Silent Prayer

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 300

"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power"

O QUANTA QUALLA

Solemn Dismissal

Minister: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me; and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.

All depart in silence.