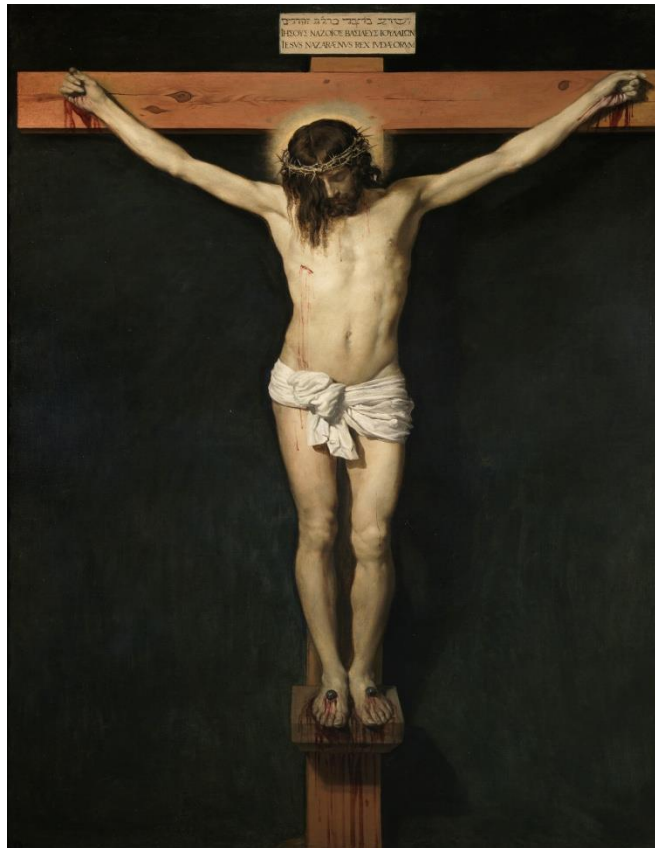


TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 29, 2024 12:00 Noon

The Rev. Richard G. Reed, Pastor



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

-WE COME BEFORE GOD IN HUMILITY-

****OPENING WORDS**

Liturgist: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God.

People: WHO REDEEMS US FROM SIN AND DEATH.

Liturgist: For us and for the salvation of all, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.

****COLLECT**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy and everliving God, by the suffering and death of Jesus you save us from the fall. Grant in your mercy that we may be drawn to Christ lifted high on the cross, and by his redeeming love be raised to everlasting life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

****HYMN**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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**1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!**

**2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.**

**3. What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.**

-WE BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD-

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

As many were astonished at him—

his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the sons of men—
so shall he startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they shall see,
and that which they have not heard they shall understand.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or comeliness that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb,
so he opened not his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the LORD to bruise him;
he has put him to grief;
when he makes himself an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand;
he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous;
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out his soul to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Here ends the reading.

SILENT REFLECTION

PSALTER

Psalm 22:1-18

Resp. 1

#752

R  **O sacred head now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down.** 

Liturgist: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**People: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words
 of my groaning?**

L: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

P: and by night, but find no rest.

L: Yet you, the praise of Israel,
 are enthroned in holiness.

**P: In you our forebears trusted;
 they trusted, and you delivered them.**

L: To you they cried, and were saved;

P: in you they trusted, and were not disappointed. R

L: But I am a worm, and not human;

P: scorned by others, and despised by the people.

L: All who see me mock at me;

P: they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;

L: "He committed his cause to the LORD; let the Lord deliver him.
Let the Lord rescue him, for the Lord delights in him!"

**P: Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
 you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

L: Upon you I was cast from my birth,
 and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

P: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help. R

L: Many bulls encompass me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
P: they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

L: I am poured out like water,
P: and all my bones are out of joint;

L: my heart is like wax;
P: it is melted within my breast;

L: my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
P: you lay me in the dust of death.

L: Indeed dogs surround me;
**P: a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet-**

L: I can count all my bones-
P: They stare and gloat over me;

L: they divide my garments among them,
P: and for my raiment, they cast lots. R

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 10:16-25

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds, and I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Here ends the reading.

SILENT REFLECTION

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, They made a crown of thorns;
Set you with taunts along the road, From which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now,
How glorious is that crown:
That thorns would flower upon your brow, Your sorrows heal our own.

2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, They snatched a purple cloak,
Your passion turned, for all they cared, Into a soldier's joke.
They did not know, as we do now,
That though we merit blame,
You will your robe of mercy throw, Around our naked shame.

3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, They thrust into your hand,
And acted out their grim charade To its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now,
Though empires rise and fall
Your Kingdom shall not cease to grow Till love embraces all.

+ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN +

John 18:1-19:42 The Voice

Narrator: When Jesus finished praying, He began a brief journey with His disciples to the other side of the Kidron Valley, a deep ravine that floods in the winter rains, then farther on to a garden where He gathered His disciples.

Judas Iscariot (who had already set his betrayal in motion and knew that Jesus often met with the disciples in this olive grove) entered the garden with an entourage of Roman soldiers and officials sent by the chief priests and Pharisees. They brandished their weapons under the light of torches and lamps. Jesus stepped forward. It was clear He was not surprised because He knew all things.

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

N: The entourage replied:

Judas's Entourage: Jesus the Nazarene.

Jesus: I am the One.

N: Judas, the betrayer, stood with the military force. As Jesus spoke "I am the One," the forces fell back on the ground. Jesus asked them a second time:

Jesus: Whom are you searching for?

N: They replied:

Judas's Entourage: Jesus the Nazarene.

Jesus: I have already said that I am the One. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go free.

N: This happened to fulfill the promise He made that none of those entrusted to Him will be lost. Suddenly Peter lunged toward Malchus, one of the high priest's servants; and with his sword, Peter severed the man's right ear.

Jesus (to Peter): Put down your sword, and return it to the sheath. Am I to turn away from the cup the Father has given Me to drink?

N: So the Roman commander, soldiers, and Jewish officials arrested Jesus, cuffed His hands and feet, and brought Him to Annas (the father-in-law of Caiaphas the high priest). You may remember that Caiaphas counseled the Jews that one should die for all people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed behind Jesus. When they arrived, Peter waited in the doorway while the other disciple was granted access because of his relationship with the high priest. That disciple spoke to the woman at the door, and Peter was allowed inside.

Servant Girl (to Peter): You are one of this man's disciples, aren't you?

N: Peter answered,

Peter: I am not.

N: All the servants and officers gathered around a charcoal fire to keep warm. It was a cold day, and Peter made his way into the circle to warm himself.

Annas (to Jesus): Who are Your disciples, and what do You teach?

Jesus: I have spoken in public where the world can hear, always teaching in the synagogue and in the temple where the Jewish people gather. I

have never spoken in secret. So why would you need to interrogate Me? Many have heard Me teach. Why don't you question them? They know what I have taught.

N: While Jesus offered His response, an officer standing nearby struck Jesus with his hand.

Officer: Is that how You speak to the high priest?

Jesus: If I have spoken incorrectly, why don't you point out the untruths that I speak? Why do you hit Me if what I have said is correct?

N: Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas bound as a prisoner. As this was happening, Peter was still warming himself by the fire.

Servants and Officers: You, too, are one of His disciples, aren't you?

N: Peter said,

Peter: No, I am not.

N: One of the high priest's servants who was related to *Malchus*—the person Peter *attacked and* cut off his ear—*recognized Peter*.

High Priest's Servant: Didn't I see you in the garden with Him?

N: Peter denied it again, and instantly a rooster crowed.

Before the sun had risen, Jesus was taken from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. The Jewish leaders would not enter the palace because their presence in a Roman office would defile them and cause them to miss the Passover feast. Pilate, the governor, met them outside.

Pilate: What charges do you bring against this man?

N: The priests and officials replied,

Priests and Officials: If He weren't a lawbreaker, we wouldn't have brought Him to you.

N: Pilate said,

Pilate: Then judge Him yourselves, by your own law.

N: They answered, "Our authority does not allow us to give Him the death penalty."

All these things were a fulfillment of the words Jesus had spoken indicating the way that He would die. So Pilate reentered the governor's palace and called for Jesus to follow him.

Pilate: Are You the King of the Jews?

Jesus: Are you asking Me because you believe this is true, or have others said this about Me?

Pilate: I'm not a Jew, am I? Your people, including the chief priests, have arrested You and placed You in my custody. What have You done?

Jesus: My kingdom is not recognized in this world. If this were My kingdom, My servants would be fighting for My freedom. But My kingdom is not in this physical realm.

Pilate: So You are a king?

Jesus: You say that I am king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the cosmos: to demonstrate the power of truth. Everyone who seeks truth hears My voice.

Pilate (to Jesus): What is truth?

N: Pilate left Jesus to go and speak to the Jewish people.

Pilate (to the Jews): I have not found any cause for charges to be brought against this man. Your custom is that I should release a prisoner to you each year in honor of the Passover celebration; shall I release the King of the Jews to you?

N: But they said,

Jews: No, not this man! Give us Barabbas!

N: You should know that Barabbas was a terrorist.

Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. The soldiers twisted thorny branches together as a crown and placed it onto His brow and wrapped Him in a purple cloth. They drew near to Him, shouting:

Soldiers (*striking at Jesus*): Bow down, everyone! This is the King of the Jews!

N: Pilate again addressed the crowd.

Pilate (*going out to the crowd*): Listen, I stand in front of you with this man to make myself clear: I find this man innocent of any crimes.

N: Then Jesus was paraded out before the people, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate: Behold the man!

N: But the Chief Priests and Officers shouted,

Chief Priests and Officers (*shouting*): Crucify, crucify!

N: Pilate said,

Pilate: You take Him and crucify Him; I have declared Him not guilty of any punishable crime!

N: But the people replied,

Jews: Our law says that He should die because He claims to be the Son of God.

N: Pilate was terrified to hear the Jews making their claims for His execution; so he retired to his court, the Praetorium.

Pilate (*to Jesus*): Where are You from?

N: Jesus did not speak.

Pilate: How can You ignore me? Are You not aware that I have the authority either to free You or to crucify You?

Jesus: Any authority you have over Me comes from above, not from your political position. Because of this, the one who handed Me to you is guilty of the greater sin.

N: Pilate listened to Jesus' words. Taking them to heart, he attempted to release Jesus; but the Jews opposed him, shouting:

Jews: If you release this man, you have betrayed Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king threatens Caesar's throne.

N: After Pilate heard these accusations, he sent Jesus out and took his seat in the place where he rendered judgment. This place was called the Pavement, or Gabbatha in Hebrew. All this occurred at the sixth hour on the day everyone prepares for the Passover.

Pilate (*to the Jews*): Look, here is your King!

N: But they shouted,

Jews: Put Him away; crucify Him!

N: Pilate said,

Pilate: You want me to crucify your King?

N: And they replied,

Chief Priests: We have no king but Caesar!

N: Pilate handed Him over to his soldiers, knowing that He would be crucified. They sent Jesus out carrying His own instrument of execution, the cross, to a hill known as the Place of the Skull, or Golgotha in Hebrew. In that place, they crucified Him along with two others. One was on His right and the other on His left. **ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE.**

Pilate ordered that a plaque be placed above Jesus' head. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Because the site was near an urban region, it was written in three languages (Greek, Latin, and Hebrew) so that all could understand. The Chief Priests said,

Chief Priests (*to Pilate*): Don't write, "The King of the Jews." Write, "He said, 'I am King of the Jews!'"

N: But Pilate answered,

Pilate: I have written what I have written.

N: As Jesus was being crucified, the soldiers tore His outer garments into four pieces, one for each of them. They wanted to do the same with His tunic, but it was seamless—one piece of fabric woven from the top down. So they said,

Soldier (*to other soldiers*): Don't tear it. Let's cast lots, and the winner will take the whole thing.

N: This happened in keeping with the Hebrew Scriptures, which said, "They divided My outer garments and cast lots for My clothes." These soldiers did exactly what was foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures. Jesus' mother was standing next to His cross along with her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus looked to see His mother and the disciple He loved standing nearby.

Jesus (*to Mary, His mother*): Dear woman, this is your son (*motioning to the beloved disciple*)! (*to John, His disciple*) This is now your mother.

N: From that moment, the disciple treated her like his own mother and welcomed her into his house. Jesus knew now that His work had been accomplished, and the Hebrew Scriptures were being fulfilled.

Then Jesus said,

Jesus: I am thirsty.

N: A jar of sour wine had been left there, so they took a hyssop branch with a sponge soaked in the vinegar and put it to His mouth. When Jesus drank, He spoke:

Jesus: It is finished!

N: In that moment, His head fell; and He gave up the spirit. (MOMENT OF SILENCE)

The Jews asked Pilate to have their legs broken so the bodies would not remain on the crosses on the Sabbath. It was the day of preparation for the Passover, and that year the Passover fell on the Sabbath. The soldiers came and broke the legs of both the men crucified next to Jesus. When they came up to Jesus' cross, they could see that He was dead; so they did not break His legs. Instead, one soldier took his spear and pierced His abdomen, which brought a gush of blood and water.

YOU MAY BE SEATED.

This testimony is true. In fact, it is an eyewitness account; and he has reported what he saw so that you also may believe. It happened this way to fulfill the Hebrew Scriptures that "not one of His bones shall be

broken"; and the Hebrew Scriptures also say, "They will look upon Him whom they pierced."

After all this, Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple who kept his faith a secret for fear of the Jewish officials, made a request to Pilate for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted his request, and Joseph retrieved the body. Nicodemus, who first came to Jesus under the cloak of darkness, brought over 100 pounds of myrrh and ointments for His burial. Together, they took Jesus' body and wrapped Him in linens soaked in essential oils and spices, according to Jewish burial customs.

Near the place He was crucified, there was a garden with a newly prepared tomb. Because it was the day of preparation, they arranged to lay Jesus in this tomb so they could rest on the Sabbath.

SOLO

"CRUCIFIXION"
Marie Kemp, Soloist

S. BARBER

SILENT REFLECTION

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. Let us pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Liturgist: Let us pray for the holy universal Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops, executives, and other ministers

For *Hector*, our Bishop, and Jim, our Executive Minister

For all Christians in this faith community

For those about to be baptized.

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers

which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For *Joe Biden*, the President of the United States
For Kathy Hochul, the Governor of the state of New York
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For our state Senators, Representatives, and Judges
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger
For our Kurdish brothers and all who have left their homeland seeking safety and asylum.

For those whom we now lift up aloud or in silent prayer (moment of silence)

God, in your mercy, comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of your love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your

mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Pie Jesu” from “Requiem”
Rick Huyge – Saxophone**

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Celebrant: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things

are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who taught us to pray, saying:

**“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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.”**

**** HYMN**

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

#289

**1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!**

**2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

**3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

**4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

**5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

-WE KNEEL BEFORE THE CROSS OF JESUS-

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

Bidding: Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One;

Response: Have mercy on us.

Officiant: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?

Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna.

I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

*Officiant: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: 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.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty. Holy and Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Though we are undeserving, yet hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may

have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

PIANO MEDITATION

“THE OLD RUGGED CROSS”
Laura Rankin - Piano

Martin

MEDITATION ABOUT THE CROSS (This is repeated three times with silence between)

L: Behold the cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

P: Come, let us worship the Christ, the child of God.

RESPONSORIAL

“Lifted Up: Your Glory”

Jim Kerr-Whitt

Lifted up: Your Glory! Dying Love: Your Glory!
Yielding will and spirit: the beauty of Your Glory!

SILENT REFLECTION

BENEDICTION

Celebrant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

-WE DEPART IN QUIET REFLECTION-

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Our traditional Prayer Vigil continues now until 12 noon tomorrow. All are welcome to remain as long as they wish. An atmosphere of quiet meditation should be maintained.