

Good Friday March 26, 2024 12:00pm

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Gathering

Silent Procession

Greeting

One: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

**All: That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in his death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him. Amen**

Lighting of Candles

Scripture                      Psalm 22                                      UMH 752

Hymn                      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*                      UMH 295

Scripture                      The Passion Story                      John 18:1-19:42

Hymn                      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                      UMH 298

Silent Meditation

The Reproaches

Christ's Lament Against His Faithless Church

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

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I led you though the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I made you branches of my vineyard, and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you might all be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but 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.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

One: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn            *What Wondrous Love is This*            UMH 292

Dismissal

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this day and forever. Amen.

**Good Friday  
April 7, 2023**

