

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 22, 2011

12:10 p.m. – Sanctuary

A TIME FOR SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE “Wondrous Love” Michael Sitton
Chancel Choir

WELCOME Dr. David A. Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP Reverend Steven H. Rhodes

Leader: Therefore brothers and sisters,
since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

People: **And by the new living way which he opened for us
through the curtain that is, through his flesh,**

Leader: And since we have a great high priest over the house of God,
let us draw near with true heart in full assurance of faith,

People: **With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.**

Unison: **Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who has promised is faithful. Let us worship God!** Hebrews 10:19-23

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Reverend L. Craig Foster

† **HYMN OF ADORATION** “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” STUTTGART

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.

Evermore for human failure By His passion we can plead;
God has borne all mortal anguish, Surely He will know our need.

THE WAY OF GRIEF (Via Dolorossa) Matthew 27:27-32 Nan McDaniel

HYMN 98: (Blue) “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” PASSION CHORALE
(vs. 1)
(please remain seated)

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns, Thine only crown;

O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

FIRST WORD Ridgley Beckett
Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.
Luke 23:32-34

HYMN 98: (Blue) “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” PASSION CHORALE
(vs. 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, Vouch-safe to me Thy grace.

THE SECOND WORD Reverend Ansley B. Page
Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.
Luke 23:39-43

HYMN 98: (Blue) “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” PASSION CHORALE
(vs. 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 Out-live my love to Thee.

THE THIRD WORD Dr. William L. Arthur
“Woman, here is your son!”
Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” John 19:26-27

SOLO “Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart” G. F. Handel
Reel Robertson, tenor

THE FOURTH WORD Reverend L. Craig Foster
My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Mark 15:33-34

HYMN 102: (Blue) “Were You There?” WERE YOU THERE?

THE FIFTH and SIXTH WORDS Reverend Laura E. Palmer
I am thirsty. It is finished. John 19:28; 29-30

ANTHEM “Ah, Holy Jesus” arr. John Ferguson
Chancel Choir; Samantha Price, viola

THE SEVENTH WORD Dr. David A. Renwick
Father, into your hands I commit my spirit! Luke 23:44-46

MEDITATION “Why Have You Forsaken Me?” Dr. David A. Renwick

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reverend Steven H. Rhodes

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to the measure of your steadfast love;

All: For we have sinned against you and our neighbor.

One: Indeed, when we sin against our neighbor, whom you made in your image,
we also sin against you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to the measure of your steadfast love;

One: For you desire truth in both our outward life and our inward life;

All: Yet we lack the will to be consistent on both the outside and the inside.

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to the measure of your steadfast love;

**All: By the power of your Holy Spirit, wash us thoroughly from our sin,
and create within us clean hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.** Psalm 51, adapted

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:4-6

One: *Hear this Good news from the prophet Isaiah and be at peace.*

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

**All: But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.**

**All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

(Leave in silence)

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

We welcome the Reverend Steve Rhodes of Second Presbyterian Church to share in our service today.

Please Join Us
Easter Sunday, April 24
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Chapel and Lawn
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. MorningSong – Fogartie Hall

GOOD FRIDAY NOONDAY SERVICE 12:10 P.M. APRIL 22, 2011

Today's service is formed around the Seven Last Words of Christ spoken from the cross.

The Tolling of the Bell nine times represents the ninth hour of the day and the end of the crucifixion.

The Bible will be slammed shut to signify that in Christ's atoning death, the Old Testament scriptures have been fulfilled.

Maintaining silence before and after the service will help both you and your fellow worshippers to meditate on the meaning of Christ's death for the sins of the world.

You are invited to remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation as long as you desire.

When you leave, please do so in silence to allow others the opportunity for quiet prayer.

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