



GOOD FRIDAY

April 6, 2012



Remembering the Cross of Christ

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please observe complete silence in preparation of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins, BWV 622" J.S. Bach
Lenora Morrow, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Sanders L. Willson

PREPARATION FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy and loving God,
as we prepare to set aside our busyness
and to focus intently on Jesus' suffering and death,
we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things
that Jesus' death means for understanding You,
Your love, and our salvation.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: John 19:16-27 Courtney T. Humphreys
(page 905 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL PRAYER: "Agnus Dei and Jesus Remember Me" . . Anaphora Chant/Taize Chant

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON John 19:28-30
(page 906 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Were You There?" Ralph Manuel

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?

SILENT MEDITATION

Loving Our Savior

✦ CORPORATE PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of God,
Who loves us and gave Yourself for us;
We love You and adore You and worship You,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PASSION CHORALE

**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.**

✦ SILENT MEDITATION

✦ CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Who was forsaken of God on our behalf,
Have mercy on us,
And give us Your peace. Amen.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PASSION CHORALE

**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.**

✦ SILENT MEDITATION

✦ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Who endured the scorn and mocking of a rebellious world
in order to redeem us from the slavery of sin,
we confess our many transgressions against Your holy will
which brought upon You the miseries of the cross.
Forgive us and set us free
that we may forever serve and worship You. Amen.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PASSION CHORALE

**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.**

✦ SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL RESPONSE: "God So Loved the World" John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.

Hearing His Word

THIRD GOSPEL LESSON John 16:16-33
(page 902 in pew Bible)

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God stands forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

INSTRUMENTAL REFLECTION: "Ah, Holy Jesus" setting by Beverly A. Ward

HOMILY *The Agony of Victory* Darrin S. Anthony

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

♣ HYMN OF CHRIST'S DEATH:

No. 248 "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"HERZLIEBSTER JESU

stanzas 1: Choir

stanzas 2-5: Congregation

♣ SILENT MEDITATION

BENEDICTION

We depart in silence, awaiting the resurrection.

♣ *Indicates congregation standing*

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Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Memphis Botanic Garden

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary

Regular nursery rooms will be open.

No Sunday School or Evening Service