



To the Greater Glory of God

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

MARCH 29, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community that gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel, bravely works toward a whole and just world, and passionately nurtures discipleship.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Good Friday, Tenebrae Service

March 29, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Welcome to Covenant; we are glad you are here. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare (ages 6 weeks to Kindergarten) is offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings Samuel Barber

CALL TO WORSHIP

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OPENING PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN

THE FIRST WORD

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Luke 23: 32-38 New Testament, p. 83-84

Psalms 22: 16-18. Old Testament, p. 474

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

What Wondrous Love Is This Mark Patterson¹

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
that cause the Lord of Bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous
frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-
ful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

~ Covenant Choir ~

THE SECOND WORD

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23: 39-43 New Testament, p. 84

Psalms 22: 6-8. Old Testament, p. 473-474

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"When Comes My Hour of Parting" Johann Sebastian Bach²

When comes my hour of parting, do not thou part from me.
As death's dread hour approaches beside me thou wilt be.
And when, in awful anguish, my time of death is nigh, thy
cross will then uphold me, that steadfast I may die.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE THIRD WORD

“Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother.”

John 19: 25b-27.....New Testament, p. 107

Psalm 22: 9-11.....Old Testament, p. 474

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 218

Ah, Holy Jesus. HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE FOURTH WORD

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27: 45-49.....New Testament, p. 31

Psalm 22: 1-2.....Old Testament, p. 473

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"Pie Jesu" from Requiem A.L. Webber³

Blessed Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of
the world, give them eternal rest.

~ Meredith Waller and Lauren Russell, soloists ~

THE FIFTH WORD

"I am thirsty."

John 19: 28-29.....New Testament, p. 107

Psalm 22: 19-21.....Old Testament, p. 474

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded. PASSION CHORALE

THE SIXTH WORD

"It is finished."

John 19: 30.....New Testament, p. 108

Psalm 22: 14-15.....Old Testament, p. 474

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Were You There? Kyle Pederson⁴

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

THE SEVENTH WORD

“Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Luke 23: 46-49 New Testament, p. 84

Psalm 22: 23-24. Old Testament, p. 474

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Ukuthula South African, ed. Potter⁵

Peace in this world the blood of Jesus brings.
Redemption in this world the blood of Jesus brings.
Praise in this world the blood of Jesus brings.
Victory in this world the blood of Jesus brings.
~ *Lauren Russell, soloist* ~

Please exit the sanctuary in silence.



THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship

- Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care
- Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
- Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
- Heather Potter, director of traditional music
- Kenney Potter, choral conductor
- Mark Glaeser, organist
- Covenant Choir

ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Children's Saturday Easter Service, March 30, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Children will present the Easter story. Following the service, there will be a "new life" baby animal petting zoo on the Circle and an Easter Egg hunt.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Traditional: 8:45 a.m. Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Feel free to contact our office at 704-333-9071 or email Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org for more information.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary for use with hearing aids.



Each Sunday, we offer educational and fellowship opportunities in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs in each building for details.

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