

Prelude

Christ, Thou Lamb of God Johann Sebastian Bach
Ah, Holy Jesus Johannes Brahms
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded J. Brahms

Call to Worship

Leader: *Surely he has borne our griefs*
People: **and carried our sorrows;**
Leader: *yet we esteemed him stricken,*
People: **smitten by God, and afflicted.**

*Hymn 221 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Prayer

Leader: *Savior of the world, what have you done to deserve this?*
And what have we done to deserve you?
Strung up between criminals, cursed, and spat upon,
you wait for death and look for us,
for us whose sin has crucified you.

People: **To the mystery of undeserved suffering**
you bring the deeper mystery of unmerited love.
Forgive us for not knowing what we have done;
open our eyes to see what you are doing now,
as, through wood and nails,
you disempower our depravity
and transform us by your grace. Amen.

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Reflections are from the Gospel of Mark

Anthem

“God So Loved the World” John Goss
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. Amen.

Meditation Rocky Supinger

*Hymn 228. “Were You There”

*Stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“O Savior of the World” J. Goss
*O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,
save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.*

*Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Each of the eight “Reproaches” ends with the phrase
“*You have prepared a cross for your Savior,*”
to which the congregation responds,
“**Lord, have mercy.**”

*Hymn 218. “Ah, Holy Jesus”

*There is no benediction this day.
Our service and watch continues into the night and the empty tomb.
Please depart in silence.*

A NOTE ON GOOD FRIDAY AND ANTI-SEMITISM

The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries, many Christians blamed “The Jews” for Christ’s death. This interpretation is incorrect, misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment, one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically, Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world.

We read these texts with sensitivity and caution,
remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.

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Holy Week and Easter Worship Opportunities

Good Friday 5:30 p.m. Children’s Program (*in Buchanan Chapel*)
7:30 p.m. Choral Service

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (*begins in courtyard*)

Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Easter Worship
9:30 a.m. Children’s Program (*Gratz Center, Floor 4*)
4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

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