

Alexandria Presbyterian Church

Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024

7:30pm

Surely This Is God's Son

Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to age 4.

A "crying room" with video simulcast is available in Room 112 on the main level.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Please be aware that this service will include both darkness and a silent dismissal.

Prelude for Meditation

Worship Team

Welcome

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Congregation stands

Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:6, 10-11

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

All: Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Leader: Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

All: by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Come, O Sinner

Congregation

Come, O sinner; come and see Christ the Lord upon a tree.
See the crown of thorns adorn the King Who labors to breathe in agony.
Come, O sinner; come and see what our God became to set us free.

Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He calls your sin His own.
Do you feel the weight of justice served? He suffers the wrath that you deserve.
Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He bears the curse for all you've done.

*O, the wonder of this awesome scene where our Savior bleeds!
O, the power of the love of God; come and stand in awe.*

Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Mercy fills this place of scorn,
for He dies to save His enemies, that all who draw near may know His peace.
Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Through the death of Christ, death is destroyed!

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Prayer for Illumination

Congregation sits

First Reading: God's Son Wrestles with Betrayal and Isolation

Matthew 26:26-39

Institution of the Lord's Supper

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³ Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

O Vos Omnes

Adult Choir

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
Behold and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow,
that was done unto me, that the Lord inflicted on me
in the day of His fierce anger.

Words Lamentations 1:12, trad. Holy Week responsory; Music by Vell Rives; © 2024 Bright Chapel Music.

Second Reading: God's Son Seized and Accused

Matthew 26:47-50, 57-60[a], 63[b]-68

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Council

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

⁶³And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."
⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."
⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy."
⁶⁶What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."
⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him,
⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Third Reading: God's Son Deserted

Matthew 26:69-75

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean."
⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man."
⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you."
⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed.
⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Confession

from Psalm 32, Psalm 38, and Augustine's Confessions

Leader: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

All: I go back now in memory over the hateful things I have done, and over the corruption of heart that has disfigured my life. I do this for love of your love, recalling in the bitterness of my mind my shameful deeds.

(silence)

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

All: I will try to recollect the ways in which my life fell apart; for in turning away from you, the center of my being, my life fragmented. It was torn in shreds by many and empty delights.

(silence)

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: I recall my sins not to dwell on them, but so that, my God, I may savor your love all the more. Yours is a love which does not deceive, a love which is serene and secure.

Congregation stands

What Wondrous Love Is This

Congregation

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

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

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

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

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Congregation sits

Fourth Reading: God's Son Under the Will of the Mob

Matthew 27:11-26

(please read the bold text responsively)

Jesus Before Pilate

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.

¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "**Barabbas.**" ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "**Let him be crucified!**" ²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**Let him be crucified!**"

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered, "**His blood be on us and on our children!**" ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Fifth Reading: God's Son Under Disgrace and Crucifixion

Matthew 27:27-44

Jesus Is Mocked

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Congregation stands

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Congregation

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ— His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Sixth Reading: God's Son Under the Shadow of Death

Matthew 27:45-54

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Congregation stands

The King in All His Beauty

Congregation

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal;
behold the Lord of Majesty exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory,
come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters;
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury,
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor,
the hope of every tribe and tongue; His kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing;
for endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

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Meditation

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following songs:

Sing to Jesus

Worship Team

Come and see, look on this mystery: the Lord of the universe nailed to a tree;
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood, bowing in anguish His sacred head.

*Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts;
He is our great Redeemer.*

*Sing to Jesus; honor His name, sing of His faithfulness,
pouring His life out unto death.*

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest; come, you who mourn, lay on His breast.
Christ Who died, risen in paradise— giver of mercy, giver of life.

*Sing to Jesus; His is the throne, now and forever;
He is the King of heaven.*

*Sing to Jesus; we are His own, now and forever;
sing for the love our God has shown.*

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O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

Adult Choir

O Savior, rend the heavens wide; come down, come down with mighty stride;
unlock the gates, the doors break down, unbar the way to heaven's crown.

O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun, when will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light, we grope in gloom and dark of night.

Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand through exile to the promised land.

There shall we all our praises bring ever to You, our Savior King;
there shall we laud You, and adore— forever and forevermore.

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Congregation stands

Man of Sorrows! What a Name (#246)

Congregation

Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God Who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry.
Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Isaiah 53:3-5

³He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Darkness

Dismissal in Silence

*Please leave the worship service quietly,
reflecting on the events of Good Friday in eager expectation of Easter Sunday.*

***Alexandria Presbyterian Church would like to thank everyone
involved in our Good Friday service:***

Preaching: Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Readers: Andrew Hobold and Carmen Rives

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The Worship Team and Choir

Laura Coit, Andrea Romyn and the Decorating Team

The Greeting Team

The Ushering Team

Join us for our Easter Services this Sunday, March 31.

Service times are 9 and 11am at 1300 W Braddock Rd. Childcare is provided. A special time of fellowship will be held after each service.

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