

Montreat Presbyterian Church USA

Home Worship Service

**Good Friday
April 10, 2020**



Prelude

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

**(Johann Heermann, 1630,
trans. R.S. Bridges, 1899/
Johann Crüger, 1640; arr. Paul Manz)
*Clara Hare-Grogg, violinist
Vivian Hare, organist***

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd
for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

For me, kind Jesus,
was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

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Music arranger: Paul Manz

Call to Worship/Litany of Invocation

W.H. Auden, answered by Romans 8:32-39

Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.

**He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him
also give us everything else?**

Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead
Scribbling on the sky the message He Is Dead,
Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves,
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.

**It is Christ Jesus,
who died, yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.**

He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last for ever: I was wrong.

**Who will separate us
from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress,
or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

The stars are not wanted now: put out every one;
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun;
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood.
For nothing now can ever come to any good.

**No! In all these things
we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced
that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Hymn

"Jesus, Remember Me"
(Berthier, from Luke 23:42)
Vivian Hare, pianist

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
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A Litany from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
so I say, "Gone is my glory,
and all that I had hoped for from the LORD."

**The thought of my affliction
and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.**

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

**"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."**

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

**It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.**

Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands
to God in heaven.

Lamentations 3:17-26, 41

Silence

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (381 A.D./C.E.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, light from light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Meditation Hymn

"What Wondrous Love"
(American folk hymn)
Clara Hare-Grogg, violin

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 heavy cross for my soul,
for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross 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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Saturday Vigil



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OUR MISSION

*In the fellowship of Jesus Christ we
Listen for the word of God in our lives
Love with open hearts and open minds
Walk the path of faith together
Serve others and
Welcome all.*

OUR VISION

*Led by the Holy Spirit
We proclaim the word of God
Through our ministry and mission.*

The Session

Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)
Mason Blake, Beth Fountain (2021)

Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

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