

# ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 2020 GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

A reflective service for Good Friday. You are encouraged to sit in a darkened room with a lit candle representing Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. When the candle for Jesus is extinguished at the end of reading XV, a loud clang is heard. Put out your own candle and complete the service in darkness.



All scripture readings are from the *New Living Translation* (NLT).

### I. Jesus Arrested (John 18:1-11)

Reader: Paul B

After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees. Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had gone there many times with his disciples. The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a battalion of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove. Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him. Stepping forward to meet them, he asked, "Whom are you looking for?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. Judas was standing there with them when Jesus identified himself. And as he said, "I am he," they all fell backward to the ground! Once more he asked them, "Whom are you searching for?"

And again they replied, "Jesus of Nazareth."

"I told you that I am he," Jesus said. "And since I am the one you want, let these others go."

He did this to fulfill his own statement: "I have not lost a single one of those you gave me."

Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's servant. But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink from the cup the Father has given me?"

### II. Jesus Taken to Annas (John 18:12-14)

Reader: Charles MS

So the soldiers, their commanding officer, and the Temple guards arrested Jesus and tied him up.

First they took him to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had told the other Jewish leaders, "Better that one should die for all."

*What Wondrous Love Is This?*

UMH 292

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 2. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
 won-drous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to  
 lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to  
 mil-lions join the theme I will sing, I will sing; while  
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.  
 lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## III. Peter's First Denial (John 18:15-18)

Reader: Jacqui S

Simon Peter followed along behind, as did another of the disciples. That other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, so he was allowed to enter the courtyard with Jesus. Peter stood outside the gate. Then the other disciple spoke to the woman watching at the gate, and she let Peter in. The woman asked Peter, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?"

"No," he said, "I am not."

The guards and the household servants were standing around a charcoal fire they had made because it was cold. And Peter stood there with them, warming himself.

## IV. Annas Questions Jesus (John 18:19-24)

Reader: Margret A

Inside, the high priest began asking Jesus about his followers and what he had been teaching them.

Jesus replied, "What I teach is widely known, because I have preached regularly in the synagogues and the Temple. I have been heard by people everywhere, and I teach nothing in private that I have not said in public. Why are you asking me this question? Ask those who heard me. They know what I said."

One of the Temple guards standing there struck Jesus on the face. "Is that the way to answer the high priest?" he demanded.

Jesus replied, "If I said anything wrong, you must give evidence for it. Should you hit a man for telling the truth?"

Then Annas bound Jesus and sent him to Caiaphas, the high priest.

## V. Peter's Second and Third Denials (John 18:25-27)

Reader: Ben M

Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire, they asked him again, "Aren't you one of his disciples?"

"I am not," he said.

But one of the household servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Didn't I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?"

Again Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed.

## VI. Jesus Taken to Pilate (John 18:28-32)

Reader: Conrad A

Jesus' trial before Caiaphas ended in the early hours of the morning. Then he was taken to the headquarters of the Roman governor. His accusers didn't go in themselves because it would defile them, and they wouldn't be allowed to celebrate the Passover feast.

So Pilate, the governor, went out to them and asked, "What is your charge against this man?"

"We wouldn't have handed him over to you if he weren't a criminal!" they retorted.

"Then take him away and judge him by your own laws," Pilate told them.

"Only the Romans are permitted to execute someone," the Jewish leaders replied. This fulfilled Jesus' prediction about the way he would die.

## VII. Pilate Questions Jesus (John 18:33-38a)

Reader: Mark B

Then Pilate went back inside and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "Are you the King of the Jews?" he asked him.

Jesus replied, "Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate asked. "Your own people and their leading priests brought you here. Why? What have you done?"

Then Jesus answered, "I am not an earthly king. If I were, my followers would have fought when I was arrested by the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world."

Pilate replied, "You are a king then?"

"You say that I am a king, and you are right," Jesus said. "I was born for that purpose. And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true."

"What is truth?" Pilate asked.

## VIII. Pilate Offers to Release Jesus (John 18:38b-40)

Reader: Megan P

Then Pilate went out again to the people and told them, "He is not guilty of any crime. But you have a custom of asking me to release someone from prison each year at Passover. So if you want me to, I'll release the King of the Jews."

But they shouted back, "No! Not this man, but Barabbas!" (Barabbas was a criminal.)

### IX. Jesus is Beaten and Mocked (John 19:1-11)

Reader: Sean M

Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head, and they put a royal purple robe on him. "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, and they hit him with their fists.

Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty."

Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, "Here is the man!"

When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, "Crucify! Crucify!"

"You crucify him," Pilate said. "I find him not guilty."

The Jewish leaders replied, "By our laws he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was more frightened than ever. He took Jesus back into the headquarters again and asked him, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer.

"You won't talk to me?" Pilate demanded. "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or to crucify you?"

Then Jesus said, "You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above. So the one who brought me to you has the greater sin."

**X. The People Call for Crucifixion (John 19:12-16)****Reader: Jessica G**

Then Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders told him, "If you release this man, you are not a friend of Caesar. Anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel against Caesar."

When they said this, Pilate brought Jesus out to them again. Then Pilate sat down on the judgment seat on the platform that is called the Stone Pavement (in Hebrew, Gabbatha). It was now about noon of the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, "Here is your king!"

"Away with him," they yelled. "Away with him – crucify him!"

"What? Crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the leading priests shouted back.

Then Pilate gave Jesus to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led him away.

***Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*****TFWS 2112**

Chords: Bb, F, F, Bb, Bb, F, F, C, C, C7, F7, F7, Bb, Bb, Gm7, F, F, C7, F, F

1. Je - sus walked \_\_\_\_\_ this lone-some val - ley; he had to  
 2. We must walk \_\_\_\_\_ this lone-some val - ley; we have to  
 3. You must go \_\_\_\_\_ and stand your tri - al; you have to

walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, no-bod-y else \_\_\_\_\_ could walk it  
 walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, no-bod-y else \_\_\_\_\_ can walk it  
 stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your - self. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, no-bod-y else \_\_\_\_\_ can stand it

for him; he had to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_  
 for us; we have to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_  
 for you; you have to stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your - self. \_\_\_\_\_

## **XI. Jesus is Crucified at Golgotha (John 19:17-22)**

**Reader: Rhonda A**

Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went to the place called Skull Hill (in Hebrew, Golgotha). There they crucified him. There were two others crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. And Pilate posted a sign over him that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it.

Then the leading priests said to Pilate, "Change it from 'The King of the Jews' to 'He said, I am King of the Jews.'"

Pilate replied, "What I have written, I have written. It stays exactly as it is."

## **XII. Soldiers Divide Jesus' Clothing (John 19:23-24)**

**Reader: John G**

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.

So they said, "Let's not tear it but throw dice to see who gets it."

This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my clothes among themselves and threw dice for my robe."

So that is what they did.

## **XIII. Mary and the Beloved Disciple (John 19:25-27)**

**Reader: Barbara MS**

Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Woman, he is your son." And he said to this disciple, "She is your mother."

And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

## XIV. Jesus Gives Up His Spirit (John 19:28-30)

Reader: Megan B

Jesus knew that everything was now finished, and to fulfill the Scriptures he said, "I am thirsty."

A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.

When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!"

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* (v1-3)

UMH 288

Capo 1; E<sup>b</sup>(D) B<sup>b</sup>(A) E<sup>b</sup>(D) —

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,  
 there when God raised him from the tomb? Oh,

some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

Chord symbols: Gm(F<sup>#</sup>m) E<sup>b</sup>(D) Cm(Bm) E<sup>b</sup>(D) B<sup>b</sup>(A) E<sup>b</sup>(D) A<sup>b</sup>(G) E<sup>b</sup>(D) A<sup>b</sup>(G) E<sup>b</sup>(D) G(F<sup>#</sup>) Cm(Bm) A<sup>b</sup>(G) E<sup>b</sup>(D) A<sup>b</sup>(G) B<sup>b</sup>(A) A<sup>b</sup>(G) E<sup>b</sup>(D) B<sup>b</sup>(A) E<sup>b</sup>(D)



## **XV. Jesus' Side is Pierced (John 19:31-37)**

**Reader: Park H**

The Jewish leaders didn't want the victims hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath at that, because it was the Passover), so they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was dead already, so they didn't break his legs. One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and blood and water flowed out.

This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account; it is presented so that you also can believe. These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, "Not one of his bones will be broken," and "They will look on him whom they pierced."

*(extinguish the Christ candle; a loud noise is made)*

## **XVI. The Burial of Jesus (John 19:38-42)**

**Reader: Sue B**

Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take Jesus' body down.

When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took the body away. Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night, also came, bringing about seventy-five pounds of embalming ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Together they wrapped Jesus' body in a long linen cloth with the spices, as is the Jewish custom of burial.

The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. And so, because it was the day of preparation before the Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

*(all is dark; pray and depart in silence)*