



Good Friday

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2022

Cover Painting

“Wiser for the Time” by Kristi Marsh Watson from her “Darling of the Underground” show in the Underground Gallery

Covering of Art

Acknowledgement of the season

Welcome

Prayer for Belief

From Isaiah 53:1-2

Leader

Who has believed our message?

To whom has the Savior of God been revealed?

He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

All

**He had no beauty or majesty to deserve our attention,
nothing we could see in him that we might want.**

(Silence and Prayers)

Interlude

Summa I

Arvo Pärt

Lesson 1 | Anguish

from Isaiah 53:2-3; Luke 22:13b-15, 19-20, 39-44

Reader

God's savior was despised and rejected by everyone,

a man of suffering, a man familiar with pain.

Like someone people avoid making eye contact with,

he was despised,

and we ignored him.

They prepared the Passover and when the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And Jesus said to them, "How I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

And while they were eating the meal together he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

When they were done eating, Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Song

"Were You There?"

All

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?**

**Were you there when they mocked the King of kings?
Were you there when they mocked the King of kings?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they mocked the King of kings?**

**Were you there when our sin on him was laid?
Were you there when our sin on him was laid?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when our sin on him was laid?**

Were you there when he washed us in his grace?

*African-American Spiritual, 1899, arrangement and additional lyrics: Nathan Partain, 2018
arr. Sarah Majorins and Nathan Partain, 2022*

Lesson 2 | Betrayed and Abandoned

From Isaiah 53:8; Luke 22:45-46; Matthew 26:47-56

Leader

By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who in his day spoke up?

When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

Then he spoke to those who came to arrest him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But know that everything you are doing now is fulfilling the writings of the prophets.”

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Song

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

All

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath 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.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine 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.**

*words: Johann Heermann, 1630; music: Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Cruger, 1640
arr. Sarah Majorins and Nathan Partain, 2022*

Lesson 3 | Condemned

from Isaiah 53:7; Mark 15:1-15

All He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

They took him to the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where they had already gathered all the elders and the teachers of the law. All night long they held him and questioned him and tried to provoke him and trap him in his words. The guards also blindfolded him and took turns beating him. They made fun of him saying, “Prophecy, Jesus. Which one of us hit you?” They enjoyed being cruel and they demeaned him.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

“Crucify him!” they shouted.

“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

He had Jesus brutally whipped, and handed him over to be crucified.

Song

“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”

All

**Stricken, smitten and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long expected prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken,
'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.**

**Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.**

*words Thomas Kelly, 1804; music Wo ist Jesus, mein Verlangen, 1850
arr. Sarah Majorins and Nathan Partain, 2022*

Lesson 4 | Mocked

from Isaiah 53:4; Mark 15:16-20

Reader

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
But we thought God's hand was against him,
Beating him, giving him what he deserved
with the full weight of his judgment.

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and gathered together every soldier that was there.

They stripped him down and put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns, and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!"

They took his mock staff and struck his head again and again and again. And they spit on him. Falling on their knees, they pretended to pay homage to him.

When they finished mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Song

"Nothing But the Blood"

All

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Robert Lowry, 1876;
arr. Sarah Majorins and Nathan Partain, 2022*

Lesson 5 | Crucified

from Isaiah 53:5; Mark 15:25-32

Reader

He was nailed through for our hateful rebellion,
he was crushed for our wickedness;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Song

“Nothing But the Blood”

All

**For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

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Reader

It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.
The written notice of the charge against him read in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek: The King of the Jews.

They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “Well aren’t you something? You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!”

In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.”

Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Song

“Nothing But the Blood”

All

**Now by this I’ll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I’ll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

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Lesson 6 | Killed

from Isaiah 53:8; John 19:25-34

Reader

For he was cut off

casted out from the land of the living;

for the guilt of my people he was struck down.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son."

And to the disciple he said, "Here is your mother."

From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst."

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, so they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

Interlude

Summa II

Arvo Pärt

Scripture

from Zechariah 12:10–13:1

Reader

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the house of David and their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan and their wives, the clan of the house of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives, and all the rest of the clans and their wives.

“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”

Homily

Ben Hein

What Do You Want?

Prayers of Response

from Romans 10:13

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

(Silence and Prayers)

Prayer for Belief and Salvation

God, you are the only true God.

I have rebelled against you and harmed others.

I have so many wrongs that I can never make right.

I cannot stop the evil in me and I have no hope other than you saving me.

I believe that Jesus dying for me is the only way to know real mercy

and to be at peace in relationship with you.

Save me.

I receive the death of Jesus on the cross for my own punishment.

I give you my whole self and I entrust my life to your good purposes.

I believe in you, Jesus.

Now may your promises be true for me,

Now may I stand fully and completely forgiven forever,

Now may I pass from death into new life and become your dear child,

Now may your Holy Spirit live in me, to renew and guide me,

That I may know you truly, trust you deeply,

and grow in you everyday as I follow your word by faith.

Now may I humbly live, anointed as an ambassador of your beautiful kingdom.

In Jesus' name, I ask these things.

Amen.

Song

“There is a Fountain”

All

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.**

**When this poor lisp’ing stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save:
I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweet-er song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.**

**I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweet-er song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.**

*words: William Cowper, 1772
arr. Sarah Majorins and Nathan Partain, 2022*

Lesson 7 | Buried

From Isaiah 53:9; John 19:38-42

Reader

He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Joseph of Arimathea came and asked Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus secretly at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden was a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Benediction

Interlude

Summa III

Arvo Pärt

(Exit in Silence)

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