



**GOOD  
FRIDAY  
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**April 7, 2023**

# *Ecumenical Good Friday Worship*

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If you cannot stay for the full service you may depart quietly during a hymn.

## **Prelude** “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” Bell Choir

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## **Call to Worship**

**L:** On this most solemn of days we gather for worship.  
Jesus, lead us from the darkness of the garden,

**P:** **to the bare courtyard and its soldiers.**

**L:** Draw us from Pilate’s palace and its crowds,

**P:** **through the streets of Jerusalem.**

**L:** Shepherd us to a lonely hillside

**P:** **where the lamb of God waits for us.**

**All:** **We would follow you, Jesus, on this, your day of suffering.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

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count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**Solemn Reproaches**

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
 have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
 have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
 have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
 have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
 have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the

kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

**Anthem** "Ubi Caritas" Combined Choir

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**Rev. John Shipman**

**Hymn** "You Raise Me Up"

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence,  
Until you come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up: To more than I can be.

There is no life - no life without its hunger;  
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly;  
But when you come and I am filled with wonder,  
Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up: To more than I can be.

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**Scripture** Luke 23:1-20

**Homily**

**Rev. Gene Bacon**

**Scripture** Genesis 3:6-19

**Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 1)  
*(Hymn printed on page 6)*

**Homily** What is the dreadful curse?

**Scripture** Philippians 2:5-8  
Exodus 12:3, 5-8, 11-13

**Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 2 & 3)  
*(Hymn printed on page 6)*

**Homily** Christ lays aside his crown and offers himself as sacrificial lamb

**Scripture** Luke 23:32-43

**Homily** Wondrous love as forgiveness

**Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 4)

**Homily** We'll sing on



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



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



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful  
this that caused the Lord of life to lay a - side his  
Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the  
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni -



curse for my soul, for my soul, to  
crown for my soul, for my soul, to  
theme I will sing, I will sing, while  
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.

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**Rev. Robert Nystrom**

**Hymn**

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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 pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Refrain*



Oh, 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 pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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**Scripture** Psalm 22

**Homily**

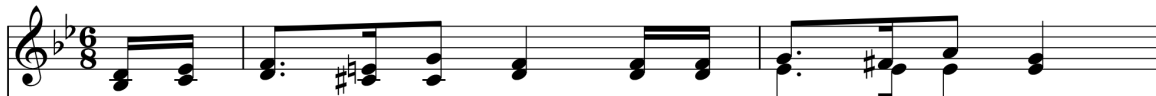
**Special Music** “Via Dolorosa” John Knapp

## Rev. William Rayment


### Prayer

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BOCW 18)


### Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs. 1 & 2)




1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
2. O that old rug - ged cross, so des - pised by the world,  
3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
4. To that old rug - ged cross I will e - ver be true,



the em - blem of suf - ferings and shame;  
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
a won - drous beau - ty I see,  
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;




and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove  
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
where his glo - ry for - e - ver I'll share.

*Refrain*



So I'll che - rish the old rug - ged cross,



till my trophies at last I lay down;\_\_\_\_\_

I will cling to the old rugged cross,\_\_\_\_\_

and exchange it some day for a crown.

***Responsive Reading - Excerpts from Psalm 22***

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer, by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**Our ancestors put their trust in you and you delivered them.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. I am poured out like water. All my bones are out of joint. My heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried like a potsherd. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth, and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**Be not far away, O Lord. You are my strength. Hasten to help me.**

Save me from the sword; save me from the lion's mouth. I will declare your name to the community. In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**My praise is of God in the great assembly. My soul shall live for God.**

We will declare his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! (BOCW 633 ff)

***Pastoral Prayer and Litany.***

For individual petitions please respond to

“In your mercy”, **Lord hear our prayer.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture** Philippians 2:5-11

**Homily** *The Old Rugged Cross* Rev. William Rayment

**Hymn** "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs. 3 & 4)  
(Hymn printed on page 9)

### **Prayer**

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart that, seeing him who died for us, we may repent of our sins and receive your overflowing love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Rev. Daniel Maxwell**

**Hymn** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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**Scripture** Mark 15:24-38

**Homily**

**Closing Litany**

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

**May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

**Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

**Depart in Silence**

We prepare for the gloriousness of The Resurrection.

**Thank you for joining us this afternoon.**

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