

First Presbyterian Church

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Good Friday

April 7, 2023 + 12:00 p.m.



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Opening Sentences

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
So that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn #316 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 22:1-11

John 19:25b-30

Homily

Organ Meditation

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

arr. Gail Smith

The Solemn Intercessions

*Each intercession ends with “We pray through Christ our Lord,”
and the congregation responds with, “Amen.”*

Solemn Reproaches of The Cross

This is the cross that held the Savior of the world.

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O my people,

O my church,

what more could I have done for you?

Answer me!

I led you out of slavery into freedom,
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
but you have made a cross for your Savior, Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
have mercy upon us.

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 made a cross for your Savior.
Holy God . . .

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 made a cross for your Savior.
Holy God . . .

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 made a cross for your Savior.
Holy God . . .

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 made a cross for your Savior.
Holy God . . .

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 made a cross for your Savior.
Holy God . . .

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 made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God . . .

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 made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God . . .

I lifted you up to the heights,
but you lifted me high on the cross;
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God . . .

I grafted you into my people Israel,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God . . .

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 made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God . . .

***Hymn #315** “Were You There?” sts. 1-3

All depart in silence