



Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient and wise

Prelude

Pari Intervallo Arvo Pärt, 1976

The Welcome

*Call to Worship

from Matthew 21:8-10

Leader: O God, today the earth has lost its light. **People:** Darkness wove a shroud for the sun,
Leader: In grief, God rends the temple's cloak.

People: God's holy heart is breaking.

Leader: My God, my God, what have we done? **People:** We've caused the death of God's own son.

*Hymn NO. 215 (stanzas 1-3)

What Wondrous Love Is This

TUNE: WONDROUS LOVE

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: your mercy is more than our minds can measure; your love outlasts our sin. Forgive our guilt and fear and angers. We pass by neighbors in distress, and are cruel to needy men. We are quick to blame others, slow making up, and our resentments fester. Have mercy on us, God, have mercy on us, who blindly live our lives, for we do not know what we are doing. Destroy sin and sick pride, and renew us by the love of Christ, who was crucified, and died for us. Amen.

Sung Invocation NO. 227 (sing twice)

Jesus, Remember Me



TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981

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REMEMBER ME Irregular

TUNE: REMEMBER ME

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

People: Yet we judged him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions,

he was bruised for our iniquities;

People: The punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by wounds we are healed.

Sung Response NO. 221 (stanza 3)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE



This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Latin, 12th or 13th cent.; trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830, alt. MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D First Reading Psalm 22:1-2, 9-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn NO. 218 (stanzas 1-3)

Ah, Holy Jesus TUNE: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Second Reading

Mark 15:25-39

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

^{*} PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

Meditation Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Hymn NO. 217

On a Barren Hilltop TUNE: KING'S WESTON

Litany of Intercession

Leader: Great God our Father; you hear our prayers before we speak, and answer

before we know our need. Though we cannot pray, may your Spirit pray in

us, drawing us to you and toward our neighbors on earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: We pray for the whole creation: may all things work together for good,

until, by your design, people inherit the earth and order it wisely.

People: Let the whole creation praise you, Lord and God.

Leader: We pray for the church of Jesus Christ; that, begun, maintained, and

promoted by your Spirit, it may be true, engaging, glad, and active,

doing your will.

People: Let the church be always faithful, Lord and God.

Leader: We pray for the men and women who serve the church in special ways,

preaching, ruling, showing charity; that thy may never lose heart, but have

all hope encouraged.

People: Let leadership be strong, Lord and God.

Leader: We pray for people who do not believe, who are shaken by doubt,

or have turned against you. Open their eyes to see beyond our broken fellowship the wonders of your love displayed in Jesus,

Jew of Nazareth; and to follow when he calls them.

People: Conquer doubt with faith, O God.

Leader: We pray for peace in the world. Disarm weapons, silence guns, and put

out ancient hate that smolders still, or flames in sudden conflict.

Create goodwill among people of every race and nation.

People: Bring peace to earth, O God.

Leader: We pray for enemies, as Christ commanded; for those who oppose us

or scheme against us, who are also children of your love. May we be

kept from infectious hate or sick desire for vengeance.

People: Make friends of enemies, O God.

Leader: We pray for those involved in world government, in agencies of control

or compassion, who work for the reconciling of nations: keep them

hopeful, and work with them for peace.

People: Unite our broken world, O God.

Leader: We pray for those who govern us, who make, administer, or judge our

laws. May this country ever be a land of free and able people, who

welcome exiles and work for justice.

People: Govern those who govern us, O God.

Leader: We pray for poor people who are hungry, or are housed in cramped

places. Increase in us, and all who prosper, concern for the disinherited.

People: Care for the poor and exiled, O God.

Leader: We pray for those whose tears are not yet dry, who listen for familiar voices

and look for still familiar faces: in loss, may they affirm the gain you promise

in Jesus, who prepares a place for us within your spacious love.

People: Comfort those who sorrow, O God.

Leader: We pray for all people everywhere: may they come into their own as

children of God, and inherit the kingdom prepared in Jesus Christ, the

Lord of all, and Savior of the world.

People: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family,

for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed

and 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, now and forever. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Solo

Were You There?

Please add your Good Friday prayer to the cross as you depart in silence.

TUNE: WERE YOU THERE



Good Friday, April 15

Tenebrae Service 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 17

Sunrise Service 7:00 AM, Memorial Garden

Easter Sunday Worship 9 & 11 AM, Sanctuary There will be a special Easter offering for Ukraine Relief at the 9 & 11 services.

Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 AM, South Lawn Don't forget your Easter baskets!

*Additional parking will be available across the street at Lake Forest College on Easter Sunday

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