

People: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

People: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was 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. Lord, have mercy.

ANTHEM *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* Wells

SCRIPTURE LESSON *From selected portions of Luke*

HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 101

SILENT PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen

DEPART IN SILENCE

As the ministers leave the chancel, worshippers may remain in their pews to pray and meditate, or may leave in silence. No music will be played.



A Solemn Service for Good Friday

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

April 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

PRELUDE *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* Parry

ANTHEM *Behold, The Lamb of God* Helgen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

People: Surely he has born our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

Pastor: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

People: And with his stripes we are healed. [Isaiah 53, selected texts]

HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 85

LITANY

Pastor: O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God, we worship you.

People: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven, burning flame of love, we worship you.

Pastor: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of faithfulness, we worship you.

People: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, we worship you.

Pastor: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

People: Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

SILENT PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

ANTHEM

The Crown of Roses

Tchaikovsky

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

BELL ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

Crüger, arr. Sherman

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Pastor: O my people, O my church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

People: I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

People: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: I gave you a royal scepter and bestowed the keys of the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.