

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your cross, we truly see, the God who suffers,

People: To show us the magnificence of love.

Leader: The God who offers,

People: To purchase those He made by love.

Leader: The God who chooses,

People: To sacrifice, through His greatest love.

Leader: The God who conquers,

People: The powers of evil by force of love.

Leader: Lord, in your cross, we truly see,

Women: The God who nurtures, shares and gives.

Men: The God who suffers, dies and lives.

Leader: The God who forgives through Jesus sent,

People: As we confess, and with full hearts, and now repent...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Leader: In your cross, we follow Jesus' way of life,

People: In your cross, we follow Jesus' way of love.

Leader: By your grace, we look to the tree,

People: In your cross, we are set free.

All: Amen.



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Welcome to **ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN** **Good Friday Service** **April 7, 2023**

“Proclaiming the Silent Messiah”



Scripture

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

32 As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. 33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). 34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is jesus, the king of the jews. 38 Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" 41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 42 "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

The Death of Jesus

45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). 47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." 48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." 50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. 54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!" 55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

*Opening Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:1-9

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Responsive Prayer (See Back Panel)

Liz Kuykendall-Kunz

New Testament Reading: Matthew 27:1-2,11-26

Sally Stuart

Anthem

Prayer For Mercy

SJ Choir

Scripture: Matthew 27:27-56
"Proclaiming the Silent Messiah"
Pastor Rich McDermott

Communion

Pastors Wayne Darbonne & Rich McDermott
Special Music by Joanna Ostrander & Rachel Stokowski

Song

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Lia Buchanan

Stripping of the Sanctuary

*Closing Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Benediction

Pastor Rich McDermott

Please leave the sanctuary in silence

* Please rise in body or in spirit