



# J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday  
March 28, 2024 \* 6:00 PM

## *Gathering*

Gather in silence.

### Opening Sentences

Christ 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

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

\*Hymn No. 213

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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## *Word*

### Prayer for Illumination

In the darkness of this hour, Lord, be our light. By the breath of your Spirit whisper the Word of life that death cannot destroy: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Scripture:** Psalm 22; John 19:1-42

**Homily**

*It Is Finished*

Rev. Cassie Alston

**Anthem**

*On the Via Dolorosa*

Wagner and Lee  
Quoting PASSION CHORALE

### The Solemn Intercession

#### Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

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

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

My people, my people, why have you forsaken me? Answer me! I delivered you from captivity through the waters of baptism; but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven; but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion; but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

\*Hymn No. 218 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*Were You There?*

WERE YOU THERE?

All depart in silence.

The service continues on Easter Day.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Announcements

### Welcome

We welcome all who worship with us this evening. To our visitors, we extend a special welcome and invite you to join us again.

### Easter Sunday Worship Service

Please join us Sunday as we celebrate God's victory over sin and death through Christ's resurrection!

Easter Sunday, 3/31

10:30 AM

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord  
Bridget Regan, soprano  
Jeremy Threlfall, tenor  
Dr. LaTannia Ellerbe, violin

### Session

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| Rev. Cassie Alston – Moderator | Watkins “Noggin Wild – Clerk | Wayne Hutchison – Treasurer |
| <b>Class of 2024</b>           | <b>Class of 2025</b>         | <b>Class of 2026</b>        |
| Melisa Decoux                  | Tommy Brock                  | Sarah Ross                  |
| Suzi Drummond                  | Linda Miller                 | Dr. Robbie Decoux           |
| Whitney Rawlings               | Watkins “Noggin’ Wild        | Sam Daniel                  |

**Questions for Reflection:** Why is this Friday called good? Is the suffering and death of Jesus something we can and should lament, in the spirit of Psalm 22:1: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Is this event something we can and should celebrate, in the spirit of Psalm 22:31, “God has done it” (cf. John 19:30, “It is finished”)? How is it possible both to renounce the evil of Jesus’ crucifixion and to rejoice in the saving mystery of his death and resurrection?

### Household Prayer: Morning

In you, O God, our ancestors trusted; they cried to you, and you delivered them. Hear my cry this day and deliver me from evil, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

On you, O God, I was cast from birth; since my mother bore me you have been my God. Keep me safe this night and hold me at your breast, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

(Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, vol. 1*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 120-121.)

### Still For Good Friday

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| This day<br>let all stand still<br>in silence<br>in sorrow. | Let the ground<br>gape in stunned<br>lamentation.                            | Time<br>be still.  |
| Sun and moon<br>be still.                                   | Let it weep<br>as it receives<br>what it thinks<br>it will not<br>give up.   | Watch<br>and wait. |
| Earth<br>be still.  | Let it groan<br>as it gathers<br>the One who was thought<br>forever stilled. | Still.             |
| Still<br>the waters.  |  |                    |
| Still<br>The wind.  |  |                    |

(Jan Richardson. *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*. Wanton Gospeller Press, 2015.)