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CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

APRIL 02, 2021

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

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CELEBRATING

& SERVING

THE

LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

Good Friday

April 02, 2021

7:00 PM

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rebecca Segers

One: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Many: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

Many: and we loved darkness rather than light.

One: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

READING 1

THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS

Rev. Kevin Porter

*Hymn 100: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ROCKINGHAM

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

READING 2

THE ARREST OF JESUS

Christian Heyer-Rivera

Solo: *Aus Liebe* from *St. Matthew Passion*

J.S. Bach

Aus Liebe will mein Heiland sterben,
von einer Sünde weiss er nichts,
dass das ewige Verderben
und die Strafe des Gerichts
nicht auf meiner Seele bleibe.

Out of love my saviour is willing to die,
- Of any sin he knows nothing -
So that eternal ruin
And the punishment of judgment
May not remain upon my soul.

- Rachael Lipson, Soprano

READING 3

THE DENIAL OF PETER

Eileen Jones

Anthem: *The Lamb*

John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?
 Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
 By the stream and o'er the mead;
 Gave thee clothing of delight,
 Softest clothing woolly, bright;
 Gave thee such a tender voice,
 Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?
 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
 He is callèd by thy name,
 For He calls Himself a Lamb.
 He is meek, and He is mild:
 He became a little child.
 I a child, and thou a lamb,
 We are callèd by His name.
 Little Lamb, God bless thee!
 Little Lamb, God bless thee!

William Blake, Songs of Innocence

Rachael Lipson, Soprano

Laurice Kennel, Mezzo Soprano

Jason Brocious, Tenor

Robert Phillips, Bass

READING 4

JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Hymn 93: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that mortal judgment has on You descended? By
 foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You? It is my treason, Lord, that has undone
 You. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation, Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's obla-
 tion; Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You, I do adore You, and will ever praise
 You, think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, not my deserving.

READING 5

THE DENIAL OF PETER

Rev. Kevin Porter

Anthem: *Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus*

Richard Terry

Jhesu, Lord, that madest me,
 and with thy blessyd blood hast bought,
 forgive that I have grievéd thee
 with word and wil, and eek with thought.

Jhesu, in whom is all my trust,

that died upon the roodé tree,
withdrowe myn herte from fleshli lust,
and from all worldly vanyté.

Jhesu, for thy woundés smerte
on feet and on thyn handés two,
O make me meeke and low of herte,
and thee to love as I schulde do.

Jhesu, keepe them that are good,
amend them that han grievéd thee,
and send them fruited of earthli food
as each man needeth in his degree.

Rachael Lipson, Soprano
Laurice Kennel, Mezzo Soprano
Jason Brocious, Tenor
Robert Phillips, Bass

READING 6

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

Christian Heyer-Rivera

Solo: *Love Bade Me Welcome* from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eye'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd anything.
A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?
Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

Jason Brocious, Tenor

READING 7

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

Eileen Jones

Anthem: *Tenebrae Factae Sunt*

Tomàs Luis de Victoria

Tenebrae factae sunt, dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei:
et circa horam nonam exclamavit Jesus voce magna:
Deus meus, ut quid me dereliquisti?
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.
Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait: Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.

Darkness fell when the Jews crucified Jesus:

and about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice:
My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
And he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.
Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.
And he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

Rachael Lipson, Soprano
Laurice Kennel, Mezzo Soprano
Jason Brocious, Tenor
Robert Phillips, Bass

READING 8 THE RELEASE OF BARABBAS Rev. Rebecca Segers

After Pilate had said this, he went to the religious authorities again, and told them, "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again,

People: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

Now Barabbas was a robber.

*Hymn 102: *Were You There?*

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?) Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?) Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

READING 9 THE SCOURGE OF JESUS Rev. Kevin Porter

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in Him." Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priest and the officers saw him, they cried out,

People: "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The religious authorities answered him,

People: "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you know that I have power to release you, and

power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.”

Anthem: *O Mensch Bewein deine Sünde Groß*

J.S. Bach

John Walthausen, organ

READING 10

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Christian Heyer-Rivera

Solo: *The Crucifixion* from *Hermit Songs*

Samuel Barber

At the cry of the first bird
They began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that
It was like the parting of day from night
Ah, sore was the suffering borne
By the body of Mary's Son
But sorer still to Him was the grief
Which for His sake
Came upon His mother

Robert Phillips, Bass

READING 11

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Eileen Jones

The toll of a bell

READING 12

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Rev. Rebecca Segers

The toll of a bell

READING 13

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Rev. Kevin Porter

The toll of a bell

READING 14

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Christian Heyer-Rivera

Solo: *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word*

traditional Spiritual Arr. Moses Hogan

Wasn't it a pity and a shame?
and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.
They pierced him in the side,
and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.
His blood came trickling down,
and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.
He bowed His head and died,
and He never said a mumbalin' word;
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Laurice Kennel, Soprano

READING 15

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Eileen Jones

Silence

READING 16

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Silence

Anthem: *God So Loved the World* from *The Crucifixion*

John Stainer

God so loved the world,

that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

DISMISSAL

One: Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.

Many: **Amen.**

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