

# LESSONS & CAROLS

A Lenten Service

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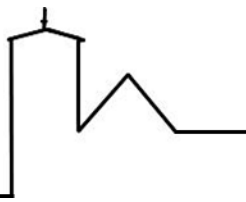
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## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

**Prelude**

**Passion Chorale/Herzlich thut mich verlangen**  
**Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis**

*David Bednall*  
*Gerald Near*

**Opening Prayer**

**Jim Burnham**

Dear people of God:

In this Lenten season, we walk with Jesus through the story of his passion and death. We remember the new commandment He gave us, recorded by John: "Love one another, As I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples."

So as we hear these words of scripture, anthem, and hymn, as we pray, let us again repent; let us turn away from preoccupation with ourselves and toward the others we seek to love, as He has shown us how to love. Amen.

**Anthem**

**If Ye Love Me**

*Phillip Wilby*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide in you forever; e'en the Spirit of Truth

**The First Reading: from Mark 14:3-11**

**Peggy Bragg**

Jesus was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the Leper. As he sat at table, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of nard very precious, and she broke the box and poured it on his head. Some were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment might have been sold, and the money given to the poor."

But Jesus said, "Let her alone, why trouble her? For you have the poor with you always, and you may do them good, but me you will not always have. She has done what she could; she has come beforehand to anoint me for burial."

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests, to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And Judas sought how he might betray Jesus.

**Anthem**

**Wondrous Love**

*Shaw/Parker*

What wondrous love is this, o my soul...What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul...When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul...To God and to the Lamb I will sing...while millions join the theme, I will sing...And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

## The Second Reading: from Mark 14:17-25

Janet Baker

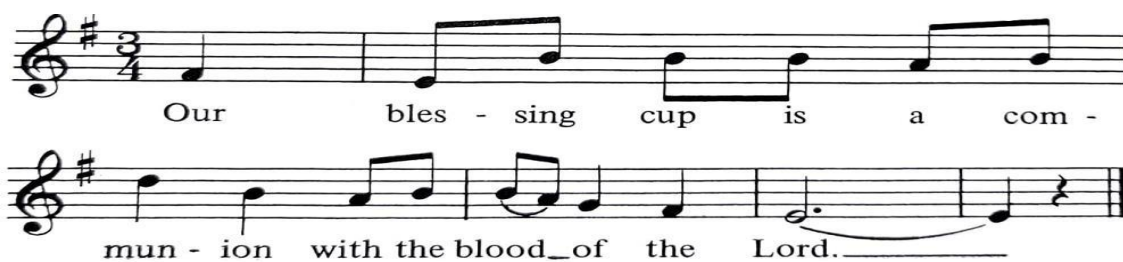
On the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, Judas Iscariot returned and sat down with the twelve. And as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "I tell you this; one of you eating with me will betray me." And they began to say to him one by one, "Is it I? Is it I?" And he answered, "It is one of the twelve, who is dipping with me in the dish. The Son of Man is going the way appointed for him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

Then Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said, "This is my blood which is shed for many. Truly I say to you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

## Psalm

### Our Blessing Cup

Marty Haugen



1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord. Refrain
2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones; And I am your servant your chosen one, for you have set me free. Refrain
3. Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you. In the presence of all who have called on your name, in the courts of the house of the Lord. Refrain

## The Third Reading: from Mark 14:26-35a and Luke 22:41-48

Doug McQueen

When they had sung the hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall from your faith, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd down and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee." Peter answered, "Everyone else may fall away, but I will not." But Jesus said, "Truly, today, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

They went from there to Gethsemane. And Jesus said, "My soul is troubled unto death. Watch and pray." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and began to pray. "Abba, Father, if it be thy will, take this cup away from me. Yet not my will but thine be done." And now there appeared to him an angel from heaven, bringing him strength, and in anguish of spirit he prayed more urgently, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

When he rose from prayer and came to the disciples he found them asleep, worn out by grief. "Why are you sleeping?" he said. "Rise and pray that you may be spared the test."

And while he was still speaking, a crowd appeared with Judas Iscariot at their head. He came up to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

**The Fourth Reading: from Luke 22:49-53 and Mark 14:50b-64****Kate Kortemeier**

When his followers saw what was coming, they said, "Lord, shall we use our swords?" Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "Enough!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

Then Jesus spoke, "Do you come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves to take me? I was daily in the temple teaching, and you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, the hour when darkness reigns." And they all forsook him, and fled.

Then they led Jesus away to Caiaphas, the high priest, and with him were all the chief priests, elders, and scribes. Peter followed at a distance, into the high priest's courtyard, and he sat with the servants, warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole council sought evidence to put him to death, but they found none. Many bore false witness against him, but their accounts did not agree. Caiaphas stood up in their midst, and asked Jesus, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I am, and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Almighty, and coming with the clouds of heaven." Then Caiaphas rent his clothes and said, "What need have we of further witness?"

And all of them condemned him to death.

**Congregational Hymn 98****O Sacred Head, Now Wounded***Passion Chorale***The Fifth Reading: from Mark 114:66-72****David Baker**

Peter was in the courtyard, and one of the high priests maids saw him and said, "Hou were there too, with this man from Nazareth, this Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "No, not I." And the cock crowed.

Another began to say, "This is one of them." And he denied it again. A little later, they said again to Peter, "Surely you are one of them for you are Galilean." But he said, "I know not this man of whom you speak." And the second time the cock crowed.

Peter remembered what Jesus had told him, and he wept.

**Congregational Hymn 93****Ah, Holy Jesus***Herzliebster Jesu***The Sixth Reading: from Mark 15:1-20a****Dave Kortemeier**

As soon as morning came, the chief priests, having made their plan in full council with the elders and scribes, bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews? He replied, "The words are yours." The chief priests brought many charges against him. Pilate questioned him again, saying "Have you nothing to say in your defense?" Jesus made no further reply.

Now at the time of the feast, the Governor released one prisoner, whoever they desired. There was one named Barabbus, who had committed murder in the insurrection. When a crowd appeared asking for the

usual favor, Pilate replied, "Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews" The chief priests incited the mob to ask him to release Barabbus rather than Jesus. Pilate spoke again: "Then what shall I do with the man called the king of the Jews?" And they cried out, "Crucify him!"

So Pilate, to satisfy the mob, released Barabbus and had Jesus flogged and handed over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away and clothed him in purple; plaiting a crown of thorns, they placed it on his head. They beat him with a cane and spat upon him, then knelt and worshipped, mocking him.

**Anthem**

**When I Survey**

*Phillip Stopford*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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?
4. 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.

**The Seventh Reading: from Mark 15:21-39**

**Dennis Herridge**

Then they led him out to crucify him. A man called Simon of Cyrene passed by coming out of the country; they forced him to carry the cross. And they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means 'Place of a Skull'. He was offered drugged wine, but he did not take it. They fastened him to the cross, then they divided his clothes among themselves, casting lots as to what each should have. The hour of crucifixion was nine in the morning, and the inscription of his charge read, 'The King of the Jews'.

With him they crucified two thieves, one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And they that passed by wagged their heads, and said, "Come down from the cross and save yourself!" Likewise also the chief priests said among themselves with the scribes, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, so that we may see and believe". At midday darkness fell over the whole land until three in the afternoon, and then Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani" which means "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Some who were standing by said "Listen, he is calling Elijah". And one ran and filled a sponge with vinegar, put it on a cane, and gave it him to drink, saying, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and died. And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood opposite him saw how he died, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God".

**Anthem**

**Were You There**

*Gwyneth Walker*

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

Were you there when they nailed him to the cross? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble.

My Lord, He was my Lord. And then the sun refused to shine.

And then they laid him in the tomb. My Lord.. And then they laid him down.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Jim Burnham**

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
Yours are the only hands with which Christ can do his work,  
yours are the only feet with which Christ can go about the world,  
yours are the only eyes through which Christ's compassion can shine forth upon a troubled  
world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

-Teresa of Avila (present day Spain), 16th cent.

**Choral Benediction**

**God So Loved the World**

*Bob Chilcott*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son  
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
Should not perish, but have everlasting life

**All may leave in silence.**

# Leading in worship today:

**Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster**

**J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Kate Kortemeier, alto**

**David Kortemeier, bass · Dan Stanley, tenor and viola**

**Rebekah Dentino, soprano · Karen Stewart, soprano**



## Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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