

Good Friday

March 29, 2024 – 12:00 PM

Prelude:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Hal H. Hopson
“Were You There?” arr. Kurt Kaiser

Chiming of the Hour

Silent Processional

*Call to Worship: based on John 3:16 led by Fr. Dat Tran
God so loved the world that he gave his own dearly beloved Son
so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.
On this day of remembrance and hope, we declare with joy:
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save it.
Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 153:1-4
“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

Welcome

Opening Prayer led by Rev. Sue Petro

The First Lesson: Sin and Injustice

“The prophet Isaiah voices his lament over the power and persistence of human sin”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 59:4,7a, 9-11 read by Rev. Karsten Voskuil

*Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 623:1-4
“God, Be Merciful to Me”

The Second Lesson: Misery and Loss

“The Psalmist cries out in confusion to God who seems absent from the troubles of his world”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 44:8-9,10-11, 20-26
read by Rev. Christopher Roe

*Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 649:1-2
“I Call to You, My Rock”

The Third Lesson: The Promised One

“Isaiah announces the suffering servant who will bear our suffering and bring redemption”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:1-7 read by Rev. Lynette Sparks

Anthem: “Agnus Dei” from *Requiem* Gabriel Fauré
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, qui a pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua lucent eis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them eternal rest.
May light perpetual shine upon them, Lord, we pray,
with all thy saints in endless glory.
Rest eternal grant them, Lord, we pray, and light perpetual shine on them.

The Fourth Lesson: His Suffering

“The abandoned Jesus absorbs the world’s sin and rage and sorrow”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:33-44 read by Rev. Stephen McCoy

Anthem: “Lamb of God” F. Melius Christiansen
Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly,
thyself to scorn didst offer. Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us
forsaken: Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

The Fifth Lesson: His Death

“The whole creation tears its clothes and returns to darkness as it mourns its creator’s death”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-52a read by Rev. Matt Shults

*Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 168
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

What Shall I Give Him?

“Good Friday” Christina Rossetti
read by Rev. Darryl Kistler

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood’s slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –
I, only I.

Yet give not o’er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.

Silent Prayer

concluded by praying...
We say together:

O Lord Jesus Christ, you finished the work that you were sent to do; enable us by your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining your witness, O Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164:1-3
“What Wondrous Love”

*Blessing

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.
Amen.

Depart in Silence

Congregation leaves after choir and officiants

Host Participants

Rev. Peter Jonker – Minister of Preaching at LaGrave Avenue CRC
Dr. Larry Visser – Minister of Music LaGrave Avenue CRC
Dr. Rob Hobgood – Choral Director LaGrave Avenue CRC
Calin Muresan – cellist

Other Participants:

Very Rev. Dat Tran – Rector at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew
Rev. Sue Petro – Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church
Rev. Karsten Voskuil – Lead Pastor at Bethlehem Church (ELCA)
Rev. Christopher Roe – Lead Pastor at Fountain Street Church
Rev. Lynette Sparks – Senior Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church
Rev. Stephen McCoy – Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church
Rev. Matt Shults – Pastor for Congregational Care at Central Reformed Church

Rev. Darryl Kistler – Lead Pastor at Park Congregational Church

