

# Wesley United Methodist Church

7:00 PM Worship

April 15, 2022

Good Friday

Service of Meditation on the Passion of Christ

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*At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.*

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*For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.*

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
  - **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
  - **Remain seated after the opening hymn.**
  - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

Amazing Grace  
Were You There?

Gilbert Martin b. 1941  
Albert Zabel b. 1935

\*Call to Worship

One: Blessed be the name of God,

**Many: Who redeems us from sin and death.**

One: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

**Many: Blessed be the name of God.**

\*Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

**[Refrain]** In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. **[Refrain]**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. **[Refrain]**

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **[Refrain]**

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\*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, we gather tonight in the shadow of the Cross. Have mercy on us! Holy Jesus, because you gave up your life, we have life. Have mercy on us! Give us a mind to show our gratitude for your sacrifice by sacrificing ourselves in service to your suffering children. Keep us steadfast in our devotion to you, and make us not to boast of anything, but only Your Cross. Amen.

Jesus is Arrested and Denied

Mark 14:43-50, 66-72

Holy Savior, my betrayal set Judas against you,  
My denial stabbed Peter's words into your heart,  
And my lies concealed your innocence.

Response

Lord, Have Mercy

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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy on us. \_\_\_\_\_



Though red like crim-son is my sin, \_\_\_\_\_ great - er



yet is for - give - ness found in Christ. \_\_\_\_\_

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SINGAPURA

Irregular

Jesus is Tried, Mocked, Beaten and Sentenced

Mark 14:61-65; 15:1, 6-20

Because of my sinful thoughts,  
thorns pierced your scalp.  
Because I have lived according to the flesh,  
the flogger's cords tore into your muscles.

Response: Lord, have mercy...

Jesus is Crucified

John 19:17-18a; 23-24a

**The cross of my judgment was laid on you to carry.  
My refusal to believe and accept you  
hammered nails into your hands.  
My greed divided your clothing,  
and gambled for your robe.**

Response: Lord, have mercy...

Jesus is Insulted

Mark 15:29-32

**My insults and mocking ways  
filled the mouths that taunted you.**

Response: Lord, have mercy...

Jesus Dies and is Buried

John 19:28-34, 38-42

**My sin tore you from God,  
and drained your life, drop by precious drop.  
The spear thrust into your side  
aimed at ending my wickedness forever.  
You died my death,  
and my sin sealed your tomb.**

Response: Lord, have mercy...

Closing Prayer (unison)

**Crucified Savior, with one great act of love, you gathered all my shame and guilt, and buried it. I stand before you naked and new. I died in you. Now I pray you will live in me. Amen.**

Dismissal in Silence

***You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for quiet meditation.***

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