

Good Friday Worship Service
April 18, 2025
12:00 Noon



Fort Mill Presbyterian Churches Community Service

"Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live for righteousness."

1 Peter 2:24

Gathering

Prelude

Prélude, Fugue, et Variation

Franck

Welcome

Lighting the Candles

Call to Worship (from Psalm 22)

ONE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken us?

MANY: We cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night but find no rest.

ONE: Yet in you our ancestors trusted. They trusted you and you delivered them.

**MANY: So we praise you among the great congregation,
telling all of our siblings of God's deliverance.**

ONE: All the ends of the earth shall remember and return to the Lord.

MANY: Let us worship God.

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 to 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.

Prayer of Confession

ONE: Christ Jesus was despised and rejected.
MANY: We thought nothing of him.
ONE: He was oppressed and afflicted.
MANY: We hid our faces from him.
ONE: He bore our sickness and sin.
MANY: We believed God was punishing him.
ONE: We, like sheep, have gone astray.
MANY: Yet he, like a lamb, was led to the slaughter.

Silent prayers of confession

ONE: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
MANY: Lamb of God, grant us peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *from Isaiah 53:4-5*

ONE: Surely, Jesus Christ has born our sin.
MANY: By his wounds we are healed.
ONE: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
MANY: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

When Jesus Wept

Billings, arr. Olejar

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

The Service of Tenebrae

Moment of Reflection

The Garden of Gethsemane

Hymn No. 220 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (stanza 1)

Luke 22:39-53
REDHEAD 76

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

Peter's Denial

Hymn No. 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* (stanza 1)

Luke 22:54-62
WONDROUS LOVE

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
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, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

Jesus before the Council

Luke 22:63-71

Hymn No. 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane (stanza 2)

REDHEAD 76

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

Jesus before Pilate and Herod

Luke 23:1-12

Hymn No. 218

Ah, Holy Jesus (stanzas 1 and 2)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

Jesus is Sentenced to Death

Luke 23:13-25

Hymn No. 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (stanza 1)

PASSION CHORALE

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

To Carry the Cross

Luke 23:26-31

Hymn No. 219

They Crucified My Lord (stanza 1)

CRUCIFIXION

**They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

Jesus is Crucified Between Two Thieves

Luke 23:32-43

Hymn No. 227

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

The Shadow of Death

Luke 23:44-49

Silence

The Light

John 1

Hymn No. 228

Were You There (stanzas 1 and 5 only)

WERE YOU THERE

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (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?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)**

We end in silence as we await the promise of Easter.

* As you are able in body or spirit, please stand.

THE LABYRINTH on the courtyard behind the Historic Sanctuary is open for those who would like to walk it after the worship service today.

Participating in the Service:

The Reverend Steve Austin - Honorably Retired
Liz Corsig - Unity Presbyterian Church
Kathryn McGregor - Unity Presbyterian Church
The Reverend Dr. Matt Rich - Unity Presbyterian Church
The Reverend Dr. Sam Roberson - Grace Presbyterian Church
The Reverend Dr. Joanne Sizoo - Grace Presbyterian Church
The Reverend Molly Spangler - Unity Presbyterian Church

Ginger Deaton - Grace Presbyterian Church
Margaret Monroe - Unity Presbyterian Church
Combined Choirs of Grace and Unity Presbyterian Churches

Deacons serving today are: Ann Spitzer and Matthew Hubis

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