

GOOD FRIDAY April 2nd, 2021
Worship link: https://youtu.be/Bf48meEvr_c

PRELUDE: *O God of every nation*

by William Watkins Reid

Violin Duet: Paul Miller; Maureen Lawson (Carolyn's sister)

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER & ASSURANCE:

SCRIPTURE: The Betrayal (Matthew 26:47-50, 56b)

Reader: Ed Kwast

♪ *Were you there when they crucified my Lord, 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?*

SCRIPTURE: Trial by the Chief Priests (Luke 22:54; Mark 14:55-64; 15:1)

Reader: Richard Darjes

SCRIPTURE: The Denial (Luke 22:56-62; Mark 14:54)

Readers: Sandra, Frank, Zack Moll; Tamsen Hutchison (Sandra's niece)

♪ *When I survey the wondrous cross* by Isaac Watts
– sung by Claire Lemiski

SCRIPTURE: The Questioning by Pilate (John 18:28-19:1)

Reader: Dave Murdoch

♪ *Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things, above all wisdom all the ways human – you were there before the world began. Crucified – laid behind a stone. You lived to die, rejected & alone - like a rose, trampled on the ground, you took the fall, and thought of me. Above all.*

SCRIPTURE: The Sentencing by Pilate (John 19:2-16)

Reader: Mark Sturrock

♪ *On a hill far away stood and old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame. And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

SCRIPTURE: The Road to the Cross (Mark 15:16-20; Luke 23:26-28; 32-35)

Reader: Laurie Thomson

♪ *And when I think that God his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin, then sings my soul! My Saviour God to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul! My Saviour God to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!*

SCRIPTURE: Words from the Cross (Mark 15:26; Luke 23:39-42; John 19:25b-27)

Reader: Trevor Bailey

SCRIPTURE: Death on the Cross (Luke 23:44-45; Mark 15:34-36; Luke 23:46-49)

Reader: Bev Gibbons

Choir:

♪ *Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home with in the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me,
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my own unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.*

SERMON & BLESSING: Welcoming Jesus

SUNG POSTLUDE: #352 *And, can it be* by Charles Wesley

*And can it be that I should gain, God's riches through the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should'st die for me?*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off; my heart was free. I rose, went forth and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free. I rose, went forth and followed thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.*