

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church March 29th, 2024

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION MUSIC: *Video prelude: TPC Crosses*

MEDITATION SONG: #233 *Were you there?* (vs 1-3)

(African-American trad)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYERS (Lord's Prayer spoken):

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name – thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

SCRIPTURE: Selected Good Friday gospel scriptures from Luke (NRSV)

Reader: Ruth Smith

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS: (from Magrey's *The Saviour Bible Study*)

† **Atonement Theory #1: *Substitution*** (Barb Sturrock)

♪ *Above all*

(Paul Baloche & Lenny LeBlanc)

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things

Above all wisdom, and all the ways human, you were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known

Above all wealth & treasures of the earth there's no way to measure what you're worth

CHORUS: Crucified - laid behind a stone, you lived to die, rejected and alone

Like a rose trampled on the ground, you took the fall and thought of me -

... "Above All"

† **Atonement Theory #2: *Ransom*** (Pat McNicol)

♪ #332 *How Great thou art* (vs 3 & 4)

(Carol Gustav Boberg)

† **Atonement Theory #3: *Moral Example*** (Mark Sturrock)

♪ *He, who began a good work in you*

(John Mohr)

***Chorus: He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it,
Will be faithful to complete it.***

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

If the struggle you're facing is slowly replacing your hope with despair

Or the process is long and you're losing your song in the night –

You can be sure that the Lord has his hand on you

Safe and secure – he will never abandon you!

*You are his treasure and he finds his pleasure in you. **Chorus***

† **Atonement Theory #4: *Reconciliation*** (Donna-Michelle Rancoeur)

♪ *Anthem: God so loved the world*

(John Stainer)

† **Atonement Theory #5: *Cleansing*** (Grant Swanson)

♪ #682 *Just as I am* (vs 1, 2 & 4)

(Charlotte Elliott)

† **Atonement Theory #6: *Christus Victor*** (Doreen Murray)

♪ *Because he lives* (vs 1&3)

(Gloria & Bill Gaither)

God sent His son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive;

He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

***Chorus: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living,
Just because he lives!***

And then one day, I'll cross the river - I'll fight life's final war with pain

And then as death gives way to victory. I'll see the light of glory and I'll know he lives.

Chorus

MESSAGE: *Whoever takes the son*

CLOSING HYMN: #352 *And can it be?!!!* (vs 1, 4&5)

(Charles Wesley)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: