

St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
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Good Friday

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**Order of Worship for April 15.** We will meet online and in person at 10 am. The Zoom link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, masking and social distancing are not required by law but we would continue to highly recommend that we do so as a sign of respect to others who may be vulnerable.

Call to Worship

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God

**P: who redeems us from sin and death.**

L: For us and for our salvation,

**P: Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.**

L: God did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,

**P: Will God not also give us everything else with Christ?**

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord

**P: Now and forever.**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

L: We come to the foot of your cross and bow with the disciples, Lord Jesus. We ponder the mystery of your life and death with Mary. We proclaim the truth of who you are with those who witnessed your love poured out for us. We come to you this day because you first came to us. We come to show our love for you because you first loved us. We come to serve you because you first served us. We come to worship you with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always.

**P: God of loving-kindness, you sent Christ into the world that we might have life and have it abundantly. Yet we live lives that are sometimes deadly, certainly less than your purposes intend. We allow your world to be filled with violence and terror; our trust in you is shallow and our faithfulness falters. In the face of uncertainty and trouble, we forget that your loving kindness governs all things. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

237 Oh come and mourn with me awhile

1. Oh come and mourn with me awhile;  
oh come ye to the Saviour's side;  
oh come, together let us mourn;  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

2. Have we no tears to shed for him,  
while soldiers scoff and foes deride?  
Ah! Look how patiently he hangs:  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

3. Seven times he spoke, seven words of love,  
and all three hours his silence cried,  
"Forgive: they know not what they do."  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

4. O love of God! O human sin!  
In this dread act your strength is tried,  
and victory remains with love:  
for Christ, our Lord, is crucified.

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Liturgy of the Seven Words

Reading Luke 23.26-27, 32-34 – Jesus is led away

<sup>26</sup> As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Chant 525 "Behold the Lamb of God" - *Followed by at least 30 seconds of silence*

Luke 23.39-42 – Crucified with criminals

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

Chant 525 "Behold the Lamb of God" - *Let the silence after each chant extend a bit longer*

John 19.25b- 27 – Woman, here is your son

<sup>25</sup> Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Chant 525 "Behold the Lamb of God" - *Silence*

Matthew 27.45-46 – Eli, Eli, lema sabbachtani

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Chant 525 "Behold the Lamb of God" - *Silence*

Interlude: "O Come and Mourn" by John Duro

Martin Bohl

John 19:28-29 – I thirst

<sup>28</sup> After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Chant 525 "Behold the Lamb of God" - *Silence*

John 19.30a – It is finished

<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Chant 525 "Behold the Lamb of God" - *Silence*

Luke 23:46 – Into your hands

<sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Silence with no chant*

*The final Candle is Extinguished*

**Prayer: What we contemplate this night is beyond words, beyond understanding. May the Holy Spirit intercede for us and give voice to what, for us, is inexpressible. Amen.**

Hymn #238 Beneath the cross of Jesus

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

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Luke 23: 47-53 Jesus is laid in the tomb

<sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

<sup>50</sup> Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup> had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.