



# GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

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VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon, organ

\*OPENING SENTENCES

Chris Currie

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

**Blessed is the name of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

HYMN 209

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LOVE UNKNOWN

## THE CRUCIFIXION THROUGH SONG & SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 26:30-56

SOLO

“Corpus Christi Carol”

Benjamin Britten

He bare him up, he bare him down. He bare him into an orchard ground.

*Lully, lullay, lully, lullay. The falcon hath bourne my make away.*

In that orchard there was an hall that was hangèd with purple and pall,

And in that hall there was a bed. It was hangèd with gold so red.

In that bed there lyeth a knight. His woundes bleeding day and night.

By that bedside kneeleth a may and she weepeth both night and day.

And by that bedside there standeth a stone, *Corpus Christi* written thereon.

Jodi McWilliams, soprano

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 26:57-27:2

HYMN 204

“Stay With Me”

STAY WITH ME

*Sung once by soloist, then three times by congregation*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 27:11-26

SOLO

“The Crucifixion”

Samuel Barber

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!

Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night.

Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's son,

but sorer still to him was the grief which for his sake came upon his mother.

Jodi McWilliams, soprano

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 27:27-54

HYMN 213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

RATHBUN

SILENT REFLECTION

SOLEMN INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

HYMN 217

“On a Barren Hilltop”

KING'S WESTON

APOSTLES' CREED (*whispered in unison*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*



You are invited to depart in silence or remain in the sanctuary for a time of silent prayer and reflection.

Our holy worship will continue on Easter Sunday as we celebrate Christ's resurrection in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Special thanks to Beth Poe and members of the 2023 Confirmation Class who served as readers today: Caroline Hillery, Logan Lanier, and Caroline Schmidt.



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