

In the name of Christ we welcome you to this Community Service of Worship. We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors from our community.

Today's service is formed around the Seven Last Words of Christ spoken from the cross. After the last Word from the cross, the Bible will be closed to signify that in Christ's atoning death the Old Testament Scriptures have been fulfilled. The tolling of the bell nine times represents the ninth hour of the day and the end of the crucifixion.

Maintaining silence before and after the service will help both you and your fellow worshippers to meditate on the meaning of Christ's death for the sins of the world. You are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for prayer and meditation as long as you desire. When you leave, please do so in silence to allow others the opportunity for quiet prayer.



O SACRED HEAD
NOW WOUNDED

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 15, 2022
12:00 P.M.—SANCTUARY

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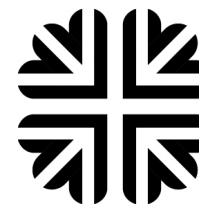
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EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN

Good Friday Tenebrae
April 15, 2022 - Noon

Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour

EPC Memorial Handbells

Beth Elston

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Call to Worship

Leader: Darkness is real. Like the first disciples, we are prone to be confused and selfish and lost.

People: Like Thomas and Peter, we are filled with doubts and denials. Like Martha and Judas, we are quick to be too busy and capable of betraying our Lord, and so we pray:

Leader: On this day, O Master, you give yourself, withstanding scorn and suffering;

People: On this day, O Jesus, by giving your body and your blood, you give your life as a ransom payment for each of us.

All: On this day, O Lord, raise our mindfulness, stir humility within us, and awaken gratitude from our deepest being.

***Hymn # 216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

Dear Gracious God, It seems impossible that anyone would give what you did to save men and women like us;

But, you gave yourself freely for our sakes.

It seems unimaginable that anyone could love the way you did, including outcasts, rebels, and even your persecutors;

But, you loved so much that you laid down your life for our sakes.

It seems inconceivable that anyone would offer the forgiveness that you did even as nails pierced your flesh, and the cross was stained with your blood;

But, you did not hold our sin against us, and took on yourself the suffering that should have been ours.

Forgive us that we have allowed greed and violence, pride and deceit, bitterness and coldness, to have a place in our hearts;

And fill us again with Your immeasurable grace, that we may be changed, and may express our love and devotion through lives of worship and devotion. Amen.

John van de Laar, South African Methodist minister and worship leader

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

The Seven Last Words of Christ

The First Word

Luke 23:32-34

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”

Silent Meditation

Choral Anthem

O, Holy Jesus

Jonathan Willcocks

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The Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Mason/Larson

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The Third Word

John 19:26-27

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Dear woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”

Silent Meditation

Anthem

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

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The Fourth Word

Mark 15:33-34

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Silent Meditation

Hymn #228

Were You There?

WERE YOU THERE

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The Fifth Word

John 19:28

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“I am thirsty.”

Silent Meditation

Hymn #218

Ab, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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The Sixth Word

John 19:29-30

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

“It is finished.”

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

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The Seventh Word

Luke 23:44-46

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Silent Meditation

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The Tolling of the Bell

The service is ended. You are invited to remain for prayer. Please leave in silence.

*Those who are able, please stand.