

## Annual Good Friday Worship Service

April 10, 2020

*This service was prepared by members of the Augusta Cluster of Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and clergy for use by local congregations. Please click the underlined text below for videos of music, Scripture readings, the homily, and the prayer of intercession. You may also adapt this into whatever format you normally use to communicate with your congregation.*

Prelude [Were You There?](#) Faye Lopez  
Patti Myers, Director of Music, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

[Welcome from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church](#) The Rev. Ed Rees

Call to Worship Psalm 16:8-11

**I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.  
You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Hymn [O Sacred Head Now Wounded](#)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53:3-6

**He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.  
And as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised and we esteemed him not.  
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;  
Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;  
Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.**

### [Gospel Readings & Homily](#)

First Word	Luke 23:33-38	The Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
Second Word	Luke 23:39-43	The Rev. Ed Rees
Third Word	John 19:23-27	The Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke
Fourth Word	Matthew 27:45-49	The Rev. Dr. Brian Coulter
Fifth Word	John 19:28-29	The Rev. Amy Hobby Rickard
Sixth Word	John 19:30-37	The Rev. Dr. Matt Rich

Seventh Word  
Homily

Luke 23:44-49  
The Seven Last Words

The Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels  
The Rev. Andy Cooke

Anthem

[To Mock Your Reign](#)

Thomas Tallis

[Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer](#)

The Rev. Holly Shoaf-O'Kula

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

*If multiple people are gathered, then you may designate one as the reader.*

Reader: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you,  
or in what have I offended you? Answer me.  
I led you forth from the land of Egypt  
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with manna:  
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,  
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: What more could I have done for you that I have not done?  
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,  
I made you the branches of my vine;  
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink  
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.  
I scoured your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,  
but you have scoured, mocked, and beaten me.  
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,  
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: I gave you a royal scepter,  
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,  
but you have given me a crown of thorns;

I raised you on high with great power,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you draw the sword and strike in my name  
and seek high places in my kingdom.

I offered you my body and blood,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,  
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.  
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,  
but you continue to quarrel and divide.

I call you to go and bring forth fruit,  
but you cast lots for my clothing,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,  
and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.

I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Reader: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;

I was hungry and you gave me no food,

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not clothe me,

sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hymn

[Were You There?](#)

(Verses 1-3)

*On Good Friday, it is customary to depart in silence without a benediction.  
You are invited to hold a few moments of silence at the end of this service.*

## Links

- 1) Were You There Prelude: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZECKUWv-Z4U>
- 2) Welcome: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5yA6WpZKEM>
- 3) O Sacred Head: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyXhequM2tA>
- 4) Gospel Readings/Homily: <https://vimeo.com/405551066>
- 5) To Mock Your Reign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9hrmRB9q5I>
- 6) Prayer of Intercession: <https://vimeo.com/405573078>
- 7) Were You There Hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tL50yOpR4Us>