

PALO ALTO CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

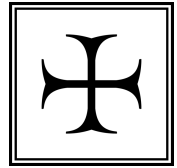
# GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021



# Gathering: God's People Together

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## PRELUDE

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, arr. Bill Holcombe*

Barbara Hull, trumpet; Gretchen Hull, organ

*Chorale Prelude on "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" by Johannes Brahms*

Valerie Sterk, organ

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*The Light has come into the world.*

**But the world loved darkness rather than light.**

*Come, let us worship the Lord, who was obedient even unto death on a cross.*

## HYMN (#175; v. 1, 3, 4)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he arose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Amen.**

PRAYER

*Gracious God,  
we come to worship  
in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death.*

**We come with his friends,  
men and women who have followed him  
in every place and generation,  
to live once again this story of service and betrayal,  
of weakness and courage.**

*We come to witness your love in action,*

*to share in the gift of the meal you gave  
for uniting us to yourself,  
and to journey with you to Golgotha.*

**Be with us, we pray.**

**Amen.**

HYMN (#177)

*Oh, to See the Dawn*

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**Refrain:**

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. **{Refrain}**

Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;

'Finished!' the victory cry. **{Refrain}**

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

HYMN (#170; 1, 2, 4, 5)

*Man of Sorrows—What a Name*

Man of sorrows—what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

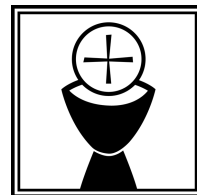
Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

He was lifted up to die; "It is finished" was his cry;  
now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

# The Lord's Supper

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THE PREPARATION

Mark 14:12-15

OFFERING OURSELVES AS LIVING SACRIFICES

HYMN (See hymn attachment for music)

*Father, I Adore You*

Father, I adore you,  
lay my life before you.  
How I love you.

*(in round)* Jesus, I adore you,  
lay my life before you.  
How I love you.

Spirit, I adore you,  
lay my life before you.  
How I love you.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*Heavenly Father, send down your Holy Spirit upon us, your people, that in sharing the bread we may share in the body of Christ, that in sharing the cup we may share in his blood. Grant that, being joined together in Christ Jesus, we may become united in faith and in all things become mature in the one who is our head, our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us all to pray saying,*

**“Our Father, who is in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,**

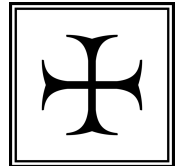
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen."

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

INTERLUDE *Lenten Hymn Setting on "Beneath the Cross of Jesus,"* by David Cherwien  
Valerie Sterk, organ

**Tenebrae Service: The Passion**

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**READING: THE BETRAYAL**

Matthew 26:20-25

RESPONSORY (HYMN #172, v. 1)

*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended*

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,  
that mortal judgment has on you descended?  
By foes derided, by your own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

**READING: THE AGONY OF THE SPIRIT**

Luke 22:39-44

RESPONSORY (HYMN #172, v. 2)

*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended*

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?  
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you;  
I crucified you.

**READING: THE DESERTION**

Matthew 26:47-56

RESPONSORY (HYMN #172, v. 3)

*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended*

For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation,  
your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation;  
your death of anguish and your bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

**READING: THE ACCUSATION**

Luke 23:6-23

RESPONSORY

*Chaconne in F Minor*, by Johann Pachelbel;  
Gretchen Hull, organ

**READING: THE CRUCIFIXION**

John 19:16-27

RESPONSORY (HYMN #168, v. 1)

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown.  
O sacred head, what glory and blessing you have known!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I claim you as my own.

**READING: THE DEATH**

John 19:28-37

RESPONSORY (HYMN #168, v. 2)

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

My Lord, what you did suffer was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain.  
So here I kneel, my Savior, for I deserve your place;  
look on me with your favor and save me by your grace.



**READING: THE BURIAL**

John 19:38-42

RESPONSORY (HYMN #168, v. 3)

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for this, your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours forever, a loyal servant true;  
and let me never, never outlive my love for you.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

**Sending: God Goes with Us**

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BLESSING

*May Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you. Amen.*



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*Cover*

*Paramentics, Christ on the Cross*

*Pastor*

Rev. Rich Loerop

*Liturgy*

Parts of our liturgies are selected or adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition*