

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF MEDITATION AND WORSHIP**

MARCH 30, 2018

1:30 p.m.

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

Silent prayer in preparation for worship:

*Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family,
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and
given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the
cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end, Amen.*

From the Anglican Book of Common Prayer for Good Friday

READING

Luke 23:32-38

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

ALMIGHTY GOD, LORD JESUS IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT THIS DAY WE ARE HIS SIN. HE HAS TAKEN UPON HIMSELF WHAT IS OURS, AND HAS GIVEN US WHAT IS HIS. HE HAS TAKEN UPON HIMSELF WHAT HE WAS NOT, AND HAS GIVEN TO US WHAT WE ARE NOT. THROUGH HIS GRACE, WE HAVE A RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT OUR OWN.

***HYMN**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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READING

Luke 23:39-43

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THROUGH HIS GRACE WE HAVE THE CERTAIN HOPE OF LIFE, ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL. BECAUSE HE WAS CURSED, WE MAY BE BLESSED, IN THIS LIFE AND FOREVERMORE.

READING

John 19:23-27

“Woman, behold your son.” “Behold, your mother.”

IN GRATITUDE FOR THIS GRACE, MAY WE BE DILIGENT TO LOVE THOSE HE WOULD HAVE US LOVE; ATTENTIVE TO THOSE HE ENTRUSTS TO OUR CARE, AND MAY WE SERVE THEIR NEEDS GLADLY, WITH GENEROSITY, SELFLESSNESS AND LOVE.

READING

Matthew 27:45-46

“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?”

MAY WE SEE IN THE CROSS THE TRAGIC EXTENT OF OUR SIN. STRENGTHEN AND ENABLE US, O GOD, TO RESIST THE SIREN CALL OF SIN IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES AND ENDEAVOR TO DO AT ALL TIMES WHAT IS PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT.

READING

John 19:28-29

“I thirst.”

O GOD; MAY WE EXPERIENCE THE BEATITUDINAL BLESSING PROMISED TO THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. MAY WE THIRST TO BE HOLY, MAY WE THIRST TO BE LIKE CHRIST, MAY WE THIRST TO BRING HONOR TO HIS SACRED NAME THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL.

HYMN

*Were You There?
Sherry Phillips, Violin*

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MEDITATION

AT CROSS PURPOSES

***HYMN**

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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READING

John 19:30

“It is finished.”

MAY WE HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE WORK OF SALVATION IS INDEED FINISHED. WE THANK YOU, O GOD, FOR THE BLESSED ASSURANCE THAT JESUS HAS TAKEN AWAY OUR SINS, SAVING US FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.

READING

Luke 23:46-49

“Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit!”

AT THE FOOT OF OUR SAVIOR'S CROSS, IT IS WITH HEART AND SOUL WE GRATEFULLY COMMIT OUR LIVES TO YOUR CARE. MAY YOUR FATHERLY HANDS GUIDE US, PROVIDE FOR US AND PROTECT US NOW AND FOREVER. HEAR US AS WE PRAY, AS OUR LORD TAUGHT US TO PRAY: “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 TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER, AMEN.”

THE STREPITUS

*The sanctuary will remain open until 3:00 p.m.
When you choose to leave, please do so in worshipful silence.*