

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



*In the Shadow of the Cross, Geli Korzhev, 1995.*

## A Service of Christian Worship

April 19, 2019

7:30 p.m.

## Good Friday

**Gathering Music**

**Opening Voluntary**

Aria

Flor Peeters

† **Opening Prayer**

**Most gracious God,  
look with mercy upon your family gathered here,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed,  
given into sinful hands,  
and suffered death upon the cross;  
strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals  
as we enter the way of his passion:  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.**

† **Hymn No. 298**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

**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.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**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 an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

**Reader:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

**Anthem**

Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.

Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life,  
and gave us hope, gave us himself.

My Father, let this cup pass from me,  
yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.

In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane.

Pleading with the Father for one more way,  
for one more hope, for one more day.

Then they took our Savior, and led him to a tree;  
and there they broke his body, poured out his life, put him to death  
to rise again!

**The Passion of Our Lord**

**Lesson I**

John 18:1-12

*Jesus is Arrested*

**Response, Hymn No. 290 (stanza 1)**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

**Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

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**Lesson II**

John 18:13-24

*Jesus before the High Priest*

**Response, Hymn No. 290 (stanza 2)**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

**See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shunned not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn of Christ to bear the cross.**

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**Lesson III**

John 18:25-27

*Peter Denies Jesus*

**Anthem**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arr. Al Travis

*(The congregation is invited to sing on the first and last stanza.)*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross!

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**Lesson IV**  
*Jesus Questioned by Pilate*

John 18:28-38

**Anthem**

Ah, Holy Jesus

Donald McCullough

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

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.

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.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,  
I do adore you and will ever pray you,  
think on your pity and your love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

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**Lesson V**  
*The Crowd Demands Jesus Be Crucified*

John 18:39-19:13

**Hymn No. 288 (stanza 1)**

Were You There?

WERE YOU THERE

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

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**Lesson VI**  
*Jesus is Crucified*

John 19:17-25

**Hymn No. 286 (stanza 1)**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

**O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:  
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn.**

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**Lesson VII**

John 19:25-32

*Jesus Dies*

**Anthem**

*Pietà*

Joseph Martin

In the shadow of a manger, by a candle's dancing flame,  
tender Mary holds her baby, and she breathes his holy name.

“Jesus rest your weary head, close your weeping eyes.”

As evening falls, she starts to sing a lullaby.

“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.”

In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home,  
Mary sees her child of wonder, and she marvels how he's grown.

“Jesus rest your weary head, and think on gentle things.”

With loving arms she holds her Savior and she sings,

“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.”

In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky,  
Mary gently cradles Jesus, through her tears she says goodbye.

“Jesus rest your weary head. Your work on earth is done.”

And as the darkness falls, she whispers to her son,

“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.”

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**Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

*(Silence will be observed while the bell tolls  
33 times to signify each year of Jesus' life.)*

**Lesson VIII**

John 29:33-42

*Jesus is Taken to the Tomb*

**The Strepitus**

## Depart in Silence

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† Stand as you are able

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**



#### **PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



#### **LITURGIST**

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



#### **MUSICIANS**

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist  
Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist  
Chancel Choir  
Nancy Hamff, flute  
Brian Winegardner, trumpet



#### **READERS**

Heidi Giffin, Somer Hammack, Julie Wentz,  
Chris Olzinski, Jason Rhymer, Megan Argabrite, Richard Harrison



#### **CRUCIFER**

Matthew Buie



#### **ACOLYTES**

David Buie and Micah Wilson



#### **BIBLE CARRIER**

Quinn Wilson

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*Good Friday services are marked by the solemn reading of the narrative of the Passion of Christ from the Gospel of Matthew. As each passage is read, two torches are extinguished as we follow the story toward the death of our Lord. The "strepitus" is an old tradition in which a harsh sound symbolizes the closing of the tomb after Jesus was buried. The service ends in silence. You are welcome to pray or reflect as long as you like, and leave when you feel ready.*

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# WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us this evening or at any time during Holy Week, ushers, greeters, staff and church members are glad to answer any questions about directions, the service, special needs, child care, the Holy Week schedule and any other aspect of life at Myers Park United Methodist Church. You can also visit [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org) or call the main number at 704-376-8584. We are glad you are here.

**Walk the Labyrinth, April 14, 2:00 p.m.-April 20, 2:00 p.m., Francis Chapel:**  
The newly renovated chapel will be open for walking the labyrinth with Stations of the Cross for Holy Week. Come anytime the church is open to walk and pray.

## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service
- 8:30 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
- 8:45 a.m. – Church in the Round – Jubilee Hall
- 9:45 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
- 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship



*Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Want to talk to a Stephen Minister or learn more about this ministry? Reach Rev. Bill Roth at 704-295-4835 or [broth@mpumc.org](mailto:broth@mpumc.org).*

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***Myers Park United Methodist Church Mission Statement:***  
*We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.*