

Pilate said to them, 'Shall I crucify your King?  
(John 19:15)

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

10:00 AM March 21, 2008

*As much as possible, we enter a silent church  
and sit or kneel in quiet prayer & reflection.*

*Nursery Care is available downstairs for babies  
and young children anytime throughout the service.  
Children may go directly to the front*

### Children's story

Christopher Page

*Children return to their pews - Congregation please stand*

### HYMN # 781 *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

Jesus keep me near the Cross;  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all – a healing stream –  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the Cross, in the Cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the Cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning Star  
Shed its beams around me.

*In the Cross, in the Cross,*

Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadow o'er me.

*In the Cross, in the Cross*

*Congregation please sit*

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO JOHN 18:1-19:30**

NARRATOR Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers, together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They came with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen, came forward.

JESUS *Whom are you looking for?*

**ALL Jesus of Nazareth.**

JESUS *I am he.*

NARRATOR When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again Jesus questioned them.

JESUS *Whom are you looking for?*

**ALL Jesus of Nazareth**

JESUS: *I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.*

NARRATOR Then Simon Peter drew his sword, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear.

JESUS *Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?*

OFFICIANT Let us pray *Congregation kneel*

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, as we witness your betrayal and arrest, we repent of the violence and hypocrisy in our lives. May your peace be known in our hearts and shared through us with others.

**ALL Lord of Peace, make us peacemakers in all we do.**

*Congregation remain kneeling*

**HYMN # 596 My Song is Love Unknown** (Vs 1-3, 6)

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.

O who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange; and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

4.

Sometimes they strew his way,  
 And his sweet praises sing;  
 Resounding all the day  
 Hosannas to their king.  
     Then 'Crucify!'  
     Is all their breath,  
     And for his death  
     They thirst and cry.

Here I might stay and sing,  
 No story so divine  
 Never was love, dear King  
 Never was grief like thine.  
     This is my Friend,  
     In whose sweet praise  
     I all my days  
     Could gladly spend.

*Congregation sit*

NARRATOR So the soldiers and the police arrested Jesus and bound him.  
 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "Are you not also one of this man's disciples?"

**ALL**      **I am not.**

NARRATOR Now the slaves and the police had made a fire because it was cold, and were standing around it,

warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

JESUS      *I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.*

NARRATOR When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face.

**ALL**      **Is that how you answer the high priest?**

JESUS      *If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?*

NARRATOR then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now as Simon Peter stood warming himself, the others around the fire asked him, "Are you not also one of his disciples?"

**ALL**      **I am not.**

NARRATOR One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it. At that moment the cock crowed.

OFFICIANT Let us pray      *Congregation kneel*

6.

Jesus, we confess to you those times, when by word or action, we deny that we know you. We confess the wavering of our faith and acknowledge that we are often double minded.

**ALL** **Renew us by your Holy Spirit and create a new heart within us.**

*remain kneeling*

**SONG** ***Create in me a clean heart (x 2)***

Create in me a clean heart, O, God,  
And renew a right spirit within me. (x 2)

Cast me not away from thy presence O Lord  
And take not your holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me.

*Congregation please sit*

**NARRATOR** Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them.

**PILATE** What accusation do you bring against this man?

**ALL** **If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.**

**PILATE** Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

**ALL** **We are not permitted to put anyone to death.**

7.

**NARRATOR** Then Pilate entered the headquarters again and summoned Jesus.

**PILATE** Are you the King of the Jews?

**JESUS** *Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?*

**PILATE** I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

**JESUS** *My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.*

**PILATE** So you are a king.

**JESUS** *You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.*

**PILATE** What is truth?

**OFFICIANT** Let us pray *Congregation kneel*

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you are the Truth of the universe, the King of Creation. You show us the way to life and freedom.

**ALL** **Help us to live in your truth and follow your way.**

*Congregation please stand*

*Children go downstairs during the singing of this hymn:*

**HYMN #545 *There is a Green Hill Far Away* (Vs 1-4)**

There is a green hill far away,  
Outside the city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven,  
Saved by his precious Blood.

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin,  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.

*Congregation remain standing*

NARRATOR Pilate went out again and addressed the crowd,

PILATE I find no cause against him. But you have a custom that I release someone at the Passover.  
Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

**ALL Not this man, but Barabbas!**

NARRATOR Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe.  
They kept coming up to him, saying,

**ALL Hail, King of the Jews**

NARRATOR and striking him on the face.  
Pilate went out again and said,

PILATE Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

NARRATOR So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said,

PILATE Here is the man!

NARRATOR When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

**ALL Crucify him! Crucify him!**

PILATE Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

**ALL We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.**

NARRATOR Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

PILATE Where are you from?

NARRATOR But Jesus gave him no answer.

PILATE Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

JESUS *You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.*

NARRATOR From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the crowd cried out,

**ALL If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.**

NARRATOR When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew, *Gabbatha*. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the crowd,

PILATE Here is your King!

**ALL Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**

PILATE Shall I crucify your King?

**ALL We have no king but the emperor.**

NARRATOR then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called *Golgotha*.

*Congregation sit*

*Children bring in cross during anthem*

**Choir Anthem He Was Wounded**

NARRATOR There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written on the cross. It read, "*Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.*" Many read this inscription, because the place was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

**ALL Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'**

PILATE What I have written I have written.

**SONG *In manu tuas Pater (Into your hands) x3***  
*Taize Community (France)*

Into your hands, O Father,  
I do commend my spirit;  
Into your hands, O Father,  
I do commend my spirit.

NARRATOR When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them in four. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said,

**ALL**            **Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.**

**NARRATOR** Meanwhile, standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved beside her, he said to his mother,

**JESUS**            *Woman, here is your son.*

**NARRATOR** From that hour the disciple took her into his home.

*Congregation please stand*

**HYMN #145    *At the Cross her Station Keeping***

At the Cross her station keeping  
 Stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
           Where he hung, the dying Lord;  
 For her soul of joy bereavèd,  
 Bowed with anguish, deeply grievèd,  
           Felt the sharp and piercing sword.

O how sad and sore distressèd  
 Now was she, that Mother blessèd  
           Of the sole-begotten One;  
 Deep the woe of her affliction,  
 When she saw the Crucifixion  
           Of her ever-glorious Son.

Who, on Christ's dear Mother gazing  
 Pierced by anguish so amazing,  
           Born of woman, would not weep?  
 Who, on Christ's dear Mother thinking,  
 Such a cup of sorrow drinking,  
           Would not share her sorrow deep?

For his people's sins chastisèd,  
 She beheld her Son despisèd  
 Scourged and crowned with  
           thorns entwined;  
 Saw him then from judgment taken,  
 And in death by all forsaken,  
           Till his spirit he resigned.

Jesu, may her deep devotion  
 Stir in me the same emotion,  
           Fount of love, Redeemer kind,  
 That my heart fresh ardour gaining,  
 And a purer love attaining,  
           May with thee acceptance find.

*Congregation please remain standing*

**NARRATOR** After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said,

**JESUS**            *I am thirsty.*

**NARRATOR** A jar full of sour wine stood there. So they put a sponge full of wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

**JESUS**            *It is finished.*

**NARRATOR** Then Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*Congregation remain standing in silence.  
 Please sit at the sound of the bell.*

### Tennebrae Wreath

Child For six weeks we have been looking at our lives and seeing things in our lives that are not the way God designed them to be.

Jesus said that these are the things which make us forget God.

When we forget God, we cannot see the light of Jesus and we cannot show the love of Jesus in the world.  
(7<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished)

Child God may we see your one true Light  
ALL and know your love that shines so bright

*Congregation kneel*

**SONG** *Jesus Remember Me* (x 3)  
*Taize Community (France 1991)*

Jesus Remember Me  
When you come into your kingdom  
Jesus Remember Me  
When you come into your kingdom

**SONG** *Were you there?* Julie Heikel  
*Congregation join in for verses 2 & 4*

**Julie** 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?

**ALL** Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**Julie** Were you there when the sun refused to shine  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine

**ALL** Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

**Julie** Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**OFFICIANT** Send down your blessing, Lord, upon your people who have recalled the death of your Son in the confidence of his glorious resurrection. Grant us grace and comfort. May our faith grow strong and our trust in you be sure. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

*Congregation please stand*  
*Children return to your pews during this hymn*

**HYMN #593** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
*(Hamburg)*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,

16.

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 a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Congregation remain standing*

OFFICIANT Go forth into the world, taking up your cross and following God's call every day,

**ALL            God grant us the courage to follow you  
                  faithfully to our lives end. Amen**

*Congregation sit or kneel*

*Please leave quietly*



**EASTER DECORATING (tomorrow!)  
Saturday ~ March 22 9:00 to 11:30 AM**



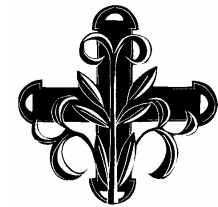
Come and help us decorate the church for our Easter Sunday celebrations. If you have flowers that you would be willing to give, please bring them to the church by 9:30 AM. If you would like to make a contribution towards the flowers purchased, Gillian Fosdick or Kathy Fyfe would be very pleased to receive your donation.

**Work Party in the Garden**

While the decorating is happening inside, there will also be a crew working outside, please come help us spruce up the place and ready the garden for spring!

**EASTER Sunday Services**

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Our Family service is a boisterous celebration with Holy Communion and the Flowering of the Cross. *(and 2 Baptisms!)*
- 11:15 AM Choral Eucharist.



Don't forget your posy of flowers for the cross. As we come forward for Communion, we place a small posy on the 'Good Friday Cross' and transform it into a symbol of Christ's victory!