



first  
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CHURCH OF NASHVILLE

APRIL 14, 2017  
SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY  
NOON

GATHERING

†VOLUNTARY

Johannes Brahms

*Herzliebster Jesu (Ah, Holy Jesus)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Jones

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**People: Who redeems us from sin and death.**

Leader: For us and for our salvation,  
Christ became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

\*HYMN 221

PASSION CHORALE

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Merciful God,  
you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross.  
Save us from hardness of heart,  
that, seeing Him who died for us,  
we may repent, confess our sin,  
and receive your overflowing love,  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD

ANTHEM

*Amazing Love, How Can It Be?*

Dan Forrest

Text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immwne and free; For, O my God it found out me. No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

**Living God, help us so to hear Your holy Word  
that we may truly understand;  
that, understanding, we may believe,  
and, believing,  
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,  
seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
(Stanzas 1-3)

*It Is Finished*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, *Page 35*

### PSALM 22

Leader: My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?  
Why art Thou so far from helping me,  
from the words of my groaning?

**People: O my God, I cry by day,  
but Thou dost not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.**

Leader: Yet Thou art holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**People: In Thee our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.**

Leader: To Thee they cried, and were saved;  
in Thee they trusted, and were not disappointed.

**People: But I am a worm, and no man;  
scorned by men, and despised by the people.**

Leader: All who see me mock at me,  
they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;

**People: "He committed his cause to the Lord;  
let him deliver him, let him rescue him,  
for he delights in him!"**

Leader: Yet Thou art He who took me from the womb;  
Thou didst keep me safe upon my mother's breasts.

**People: Upon Thee was I cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me  
Thou hast been my God.**

Leader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near  
and there is none to help.

**People: Many bulls encompass me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

Leader: they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**People:** I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax,  
it is melted within my breast;

Leader: my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue cleaves to my jaws;  
Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.

**People:** Yea, dogs are round about me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet.

Leader: I can count all my bones;  
they stare and gloat over me;

**People:** they divide my garments among them,  
and for my raiment they cast lots.

Leader: But Thou, O Lord, be not far off!  
O Thou my help, hasten to my aid!

**People:** Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!

Leader: Save me from the mouth of the lion,  
my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen!

**People:** I will tell of Thy name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation  
I will praise Thee:

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!  
All you sons of Jacob, glorify Him,  
and stand in awe of Him,  
all you sons of Israel!

**People:** For He has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
and he has not hid His face from Him,  
but has heard, when he cried to Him.

Leader: From Thee comes my praise  
in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear Him.

**People:** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!  
May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before Him.

**People:** For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and He rules over the nations.

Leader: Yea, to Him shall all the proud of the earth bow down;  
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and he who cannot keep himself alive.

**People:** Posterity shall serve Him;  
men shall tell of the Lord  
to the coming generation,

Leader: and proclaim His deliverance  
to a people yet unborn,  
that He has wrought it.

ANTHEM

Traditional Spiritual

*Were You There?*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 223

HAMBURG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Todd Jones

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**PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE**

Todd Jones, Pastor

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Sanctuary Choir; Raphael Bundage, Director

Greg Thomas, Tenor

**HOLY WEEK CONTINUES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

Friday, April 14, 7:00 P.M.

*The Sanctuary Choir presents this moving Good Friday service.*

*The text, read by Bob Loflin, is taken from the Gospel of John.*

*The Sanctuary Choir and congregation will respond and reflect on the unfolding Passion with hymns and anthems. You are invited to enter the world of Christ's Passion through word and music.*

**Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 16, 6:30 A.M.

*Sullivan Gardens*

*"Hope Is Unnatural"*

*by the Rev. Dr. Stuart Gordon*

**Easter Breakfast**

7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall

**Sanctuary Worship Services**

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

*"Earthquakes and Lifequakes"*

*by the Rev. Dr. Todd Jones*

*(No Sunday School)*

**The Five Thirty**

The Gathering Place

*Sermon by Josh Rodriguez*

*Overflow for these Easter services will be located in Courtenay Hall. Nursery is available for children ages three and younger for all services except the Good Friday Noon Service and the Easter Sunrise service.*



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