



first presbyterian

CHURCH OF NASHVILLE

MARCH 30, 2018
SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
7:00 P.M.

GATHERING

†VOLUNTARY

J.S. Bach

*O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross
(O Man, Bewail Thy Great Sin)*

†INTROIT

Louis Vierne

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Jones

Leader: God is light, in Whom there is no darkness at all.

People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Leader: And this is the judgment,
that the light has come into the world,

People: and we loved darkness rather than light.

*HYMN 220

REDHEAD

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Todd Jones

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

**Almighty God,
graciously behold this Your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing
to be betrayed into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
Who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

LESSON I

John 18:1–11

ANTHEM

Bob Chilcott

It Is a Thing Most Wonderful

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven
And die to save a child, a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true;
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died,
For love of those who loved, who loved him not.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint, so faint and poor.

LESSON II

John 18:12–14

ANTHEM

Harold Friedell

Jesus, So Lowly

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:
Christen me wholly, Bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;
Teach me that only Love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, Silent and pale;
Be this the token Love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

LESSON III

John 18:15–18

*HYMN 218 (seated)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Ah, Holy Jesus
(Stanzas 1 & 2 only)*

ANTHEM

Robert Shaw and Alice Parker

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
 What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
 When I was sinking down, O my soul.
 When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I am,"
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.
 And when from death I'm free I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 And thro' eternity I'll sing on,
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
 And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

LESSON V

John 18:25–27

LESSON VI

John 18:28–32

ANTHEM

Stephen Paulus

Carol of the Hill

On my ground with a crown of thorn,
 He died for us Who for us was born.
 The tree that flowered is cold and bare;
 No songs, no singing anywhere;
 O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.
 Second Adam, Son of Man,
 Into my earth Your life's blood ran.
 Now from this earth new trees will grow
 With fruits, with flowers I swear it so.
 O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.
 For You I shall wear a crown of trees,
 And birds will sing from among their leaves,
 For You I shall wear a crown of trees,
 Now sing birds sing, from among your leaves;
 O Jerusalem, new lives, new leaves, born again;
 O Jerusalem.

LESSON VII

John 18:33–38a

*Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me?**Psalm 22*

Lord, why have you for - sa - ken me, and
 But I am mocked and put to scorn, all
 Yet You, O Lord, have been my God and
 why are You so far a - way from my com-plaint and
 those who see me laugh and say, "You trust in God, so
 on - ly hope since I was born; trou - ble is near me,
 my dis-tress poured out be - fore You night and day?
 let us see the help of God to whom you pray."
 none can help; my Sav-ior, leave me not for - lorn.

LESSON VIII

John 18:38b-40

LESSON IX

John 19:1-11

ANTHEM

Dan Forrest

And Can It Be?

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, immense 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 th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown through Christ my own.
 Amazing love, how can it be
 That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
 Amazing love!

LESSON X John 19:12–16

HYMN 221 PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LESSON XI John 19:17–22

ANTHEM Maurice Duruflé

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem
sempiternam.

Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
grant them eternal rest.

LESSON XII John 19:23–24

HYMN 223 HAMBURG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LESSON XIII John 19:25–27

LESSON XIV John 19:28–30

ANTHEM Philip W. J. Stopford

Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me.
Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.
Blood of Christ, refresh me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.
O good Jesus, hear me; within Your wounds, hide me;
let me never be separated from You;
from the darkness, defend me.
Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.
In the hour of my death, call me, and bid me come to You,
that with your saints I may praise You forever and forever.
Today you shall be with Me in Paradise. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MERCY

Todd Jones

**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.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

ANTHEM

J.S. Bach

Ah Lord, Thy Dear Sweet Angels Send

Ah Lord, Thy dear sweet angels send;
 in my last hour my soul attend,
 to Abram's arms bear it.
 This body in its narrow room
 so softly rests from pain and gloom
 and waits the day prepared it.
 Ah, then from death awaken me,
 unbind my eyes that I may see
 in boundless joy Thy holy face,
 my Savior and my throne of grace.
 Lord Jesus Christ, O hear Thou me.
 I will Thee praise eternally.

LESSON XVI

John 19:38–42

Please depart in silence.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Todd Jones, Pastor

Bob Loflin, Narrator

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, Conductor

Louise Mukeshimana, Candle Bearer

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 1, 6:30 A.M.
Sullivan Gardens
“See For Yourselves”
by the Rev. Josh Rodriguez

Easter Breakfast 7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall

Sanctuary Worship Services 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
“The Defiant Doxology”
by the Rev. Dr. Todd Jones
(No Sunday School)

*Overflow for these Easter services will be located in Courtenay Hall.
Nursery care is available for children ages three and younger for all
services except the Easter sunrise service.*

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love
through worship, education, and service.



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