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SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

GATHERING

†OPENING SENTENCES

Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY

J.S. Bach

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

INTROIT

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Stuart Gordon

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.

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

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

Maurice Duruflé

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

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

LESSON II

John 18:12-14

ANTHEM

John Stainer

God, So Loved the World

God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

LESSON III

John 18:15-18

*HYMN 218 (seated)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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

LESSON IV

John 18:19-24

ANTHEM

J.S. Bach

Chorale No. 7
(from *The Passion According to St. John*)

O boundless Love, O Love beyond all telling
wherefore You made this vale of tears Thy dwelling,
I live within the world, its pleasures cherish,
and Thou must perish.

LESSON V

John 18:25–27

LESSON VI

John 18:28–32

ANTHEM

J.S. Bach

Chorale No. 27
(from *The Passion According to St. John*)

Ah mighty King, renowned and great forever,
to tell Thy glory is a vain endeavor.
No mortal heart can ever hope to show Thee
what it doth owe Thee.
I can with all my senses never fashion
an offering worthy of Thy great compassion.
For all Thy love what thanks can I accord Thee,
what works reward Thee?

LESSON VII

John 18:33–38a

HYMN

BOURBON

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

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,
 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 X

John 19:12–16

HYMN 221

PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LESSON XI

John 19:17–22

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.

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 J.S. Bach

Chorale No. 68
(from *The Passion According to St. John*)

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 XV John 19:31–37

PRAYER FOR MERCY Stuart Gordon

**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.

In Paradisum

In Paradisum deducant te Angeli, in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.	Into Paradise may the angels lead you, may the martyrs welcome you in your coming and guide you into the holy city Jerusalem. A chorus of angels will greet you, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may you have eternal rest.
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LESSON XVI

John 19:38–42

*Please depart in silence.***PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor and Interim Head of Staff

Bob Loflin, Narrator

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Epiphany Dancers

Lisa Spradley, Artistic Director

Roxanne Crew

Allison Hardee

Sarah Padgett

Lauryn Peacock

Kap Sum

Curtis Thomas

Jackie Zarcone

Grete Gryzwana, Choreographer

Scott Leathers, Lighting Design

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 21, 6:30 A.M.

Sullivan Gardens
"Breakfast on the Beach"
by Rev. Sarah R. Bird

Easter Breakfast

7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall

Sanctuary Worship Services

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

"Now, the Angels!"
by Rev. Stuart Gordon
(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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