

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2009

Lessons from the Gospel of John

Reflection & Preparation

Good Friday commemorates the day on which Jesus Christ was crucified. It is called "good" because Jesus' death was substitutionary. That is, his death was in our place; through it comes salvation for a broken and sinful humanity. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:23-26)

Prelude "Reproached, Of All Men Despised" *Brent Watkins*

Reproached, of all men despised; a worm, and not a man am I.
All those who see me mock; they laugh and say, "He trusts the Lord."
Oh, my God, I cry by day, by night I cry, but find no rest.
Like water I am poured; my strength is broken, dried.
Reproached, of all men despised, a worm, and not a man am I.

Call to Worship The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Prayer of Invocation Mr. Martinez

The First Lesson *Betrayal and Arrest — John 18:1-11* Ms. Marissa Galt

***Hymn** "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" *John Wesley*

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb, who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me to atone, now for my Lord and God I own.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, which, at the mercy seat of God,
Forever doth for sinners plead, for me, e'en for my soul, was shed.

The Second Lesson *Jesus' Trial & Peter's Denial — John 18:12-27* Mr. Ralph Shay

The Third Lesson *Jesus Before Pilate — John 18:28-40* Mrs. Carter Greendyke

The Fourth Lesson *Jesus Handed Over — John 19:1-16a* Mr. Josh Brack

***Hymn** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *Bernard of Clairvaux*

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

