

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2010

Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew

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

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Gibbs

The First Lesson

Jesus Prays — Matthew 26:36-46

Mr. James Sedgwick

*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.

The Second Lesson

Betrayal and Arrest — Matthew 26:47-56

Dr. Diane Deng

The Third Lesson

Trial Before Caiaphas — Matthew 26:57-68

Mr. Ross Van Klaveren

The Fourth Lesson

Handed Over by Pilate — Matthew 27:11-26

Mrs. Annie Mays

*Hymn

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"

Isaac Watts

Alas and did my savior bleed, did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for such a fool as I?

Chorus: The strangeness of love, my life in Your death.
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed.
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song,
And by Your wounds I am healed.

Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

The Fifth Lesson

Crucifixion — Matthew 27:32-44

Mr. Manny Alaniz

***Hymn**

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Johann Krüger

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered:
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:
Thy death of anguish, and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

The Sixth Lesson

Death — Matthew 27:45-50

Mrs. Anne Davidson

The Seventh Lesson

Burial — Matthew 27:55-61

Mr. Paul Ryan

Special Music

“Were You There”

American Spiritual

The Prayers

Mr. Gibbs

The Homily

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

***Hymn**

“In Christ Alone”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Postlude

** The Congregation Stands*