

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 14, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Prelude

GATHERING

(All gather in silence)

Call to Worship

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
Who redeems us from sin and death.

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

(Brief silence)

Prayer of the Day

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.

Hymn #223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross (see insert)

THE TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The candelabras, with six candles and the central Christ candle, is the visual focus for this part of the service. As each event following the Last Supper is remembered from the Gospel of Luke, a candle is extinguished.

Mark 14:26-31

Peter's Denial Foretold

Hymn #227 “Jesus Remember Me” (repeated several times)
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
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Mark 14:32-52 *Jesus Prays in Gethsemane; The Betrayal & Arrest*

Hymn #277 “Jesus Remember Me” (repeated several times)

Mark 14:53-65

Jesus before the Council

Hymn #277 “Jesus Remember Me” (repeated several times)

Mark 14:66-72

Peter Denies Jesus

Hymn #277 “Jesus Remember Me” (repeated several times)

Mark 15:1-15

Jesus Before Pilate

Hymn #277 “Jesus Remember Me” (repeated several times)

Mark 15:16-32

The Soldiers Mock Jesus;
The Crucifixion of Jesus

Mark 15:33-41

The Death of Jesus

(Silence)

Solo Were You There? (stanzas 1-4)

Tom Bethman

(The Christ Candle is carried out and then is returned,
“For the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not
overcome it.”)

Mark 15:42-47

The Burial of Jesus

Solo Were You There? (stanza 5)

Tom Bethman

Tolling of the Church Bell

(All please depart in silence. The service continues on Easter Day.)

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

O my people, O my church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

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