

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 13, 2017 ~ Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

Our Service Continues on Easter Sunday ~ Sunrise Service at 6:30 ~ Worship at 10:00

Please silence your cell phones.



Prelude

Le Rappel des Oiseaux

Jean-Philippe Rameau

Words of Introduction

FIRST LESSON

Hear the story of Jesus and of his betrayal

The first candle is extinguished.

UNISON PRAYER (Unison)

Most merciful God, who comes to us no matter what our circumstance, we come to you – a people who dwell in an era of cruelty and injustice. We would look for the light, but it is overshadowed by the hostility and hatred of selfish ambition.

We long for peace, but there are those whose lust for power oppresses humankind. We desire justice, but find instead intolerance, racism, and violence.

Where can we turn, O God? Who will plead the cause of the powerless?

Our hope is solely in you. You are the only one we can trust. You alone are faithful and true. Heal our world. Heal our broken hearts. Heal our wounded spirits, we pray. In the name of the one who takes on all our pain, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Hear the story of Jesus as he prays.

The second candle is extinguished.

Poem *The Night He Was Betrayed* by Margaret Knauerhase.

Communion of God's People

THIRD LESSON

Hear the story of the passion of our Lord and of his agony and arrest in the garden.

The third candle is extinguished.

98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6 D

Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)
Trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

1. O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down;
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est friend,

Now scorn-ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown;
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er; And should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee.

FOURTH LESSON

Hear the story of Jesus and of his trial before Caiaphas the High Priest.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Anthem

Ah Holy Jesus

Lani Smith

FIFTH LESSON

Hear the story of Jesus and of Peter's Denial

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Poem *The Courtyard Scene* by Ann Weems

SIXTH LESSON

Hear the story of Jesus and Pilate.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH LESSON

Hear the story of Jesus and of his condemnation.

Slides of the Agony of Humanity

Congregation Song

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

Were You There?

WERE YOU THERE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual
Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)
 3. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)
 4. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh!
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)
 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

The seventh candle is processed from the church.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Depart in Silence