

Prelude "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" J. S. Bach

Call to Worship John 18:1-12 (MSG)
Silence for Meditation

Prayer of the Day

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 223

Scripture John 18:13-27 (MSG)
Silence for Meditation

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" No. 218

Scripture John 18:28-19:11 (MSG)
Silence for Meditation

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" No. 221

Scripture John 19:12-37 (MSG)
Silence for Meditation

The Solemn Intercessions

The people respond after each section of the prayers ending: "...through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

People: **Amen.**

(concludes with unison Lord's Prayer)

Hymn "They Crucified My Lord" No. 219

The Darkness of Night (the cross is draped in black)

Anthem "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" Govenor
Flute: Ann FitzGerald
Piano: Deane Gray
(Combined First Presbyterian and
Cumberland Presbyterian Choirs)

Approaching the Cross (responsive reading)

Imagine yourself a first century carpenter, being conscripted by the government to construct a crude, wooden cross for the execution of the empire's enemies.

Of all the things a skilled woodworker could make, an instrument of death is the last thing any of them would want to construct.

Imagine Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth, and Mary's husband, using his tools for such a job.

Surely, his hands would tremble and his heart would quake, even if he had no idea whose last breath would be gasped upon the ghastly tree.

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*Imagine what it would be like to be among the throng,
caught up and whipped into a frenzy by the mob mentality.*

**If only our voices could have gone mute, and our rage
could have been soothed, we would never have shouted
“Crucify him!” and Barabbas’ name would never have
crossed our lips.**

*Even so, the whole public spectacle, though it was intended
to demonstrate power and engender fear, had an
altogether different effect.*

**Yes, we gather here to realize that, through the cross, the
love of power is promised to be overcome by the power of
love. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn “Were You There?” No. 228

Benediction John 19:38-42 (MSG)

Reflect and Depart into the Silence

Tonight’s Worship Leaders

Rev. Andy Blackwelder
Rev. David Brannock
Rev. Greg Cartwright
Rev. Todd Jenkins



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