

Good Friday
Service of Remembrance and Healing

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Pie Jesu

Lois Gurney, organ

Gabriel Fauré

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,

People: And the Word was with God,

Leader: And the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh

And lived among us, full of grace and truth.

Leader: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world
and people loved darkness rather than light.

Bill Hoff

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

WORDS FROM THE CROSS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The First Word (Luke 23:34)

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Steve Goyer

Leader:

For some of us, the seed of our healing lies in forgiveness.
All need to be forgiven by God, for things done and for things left undone.
Some need to be forgiven by loved ones and some by strangers.
Some need to forgive God for the way things are or have been.
Some need to forgive others for their cruelty, carelessness, betrayal,
or indifference.
Some need to be made aware of our guilt.
Some need to forgive ourselves.
So let us pray for the forgiveness that brings healing...

Mary Spuhler

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SOLO

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy (Hymn 437)

WAYFARING STRANGER

Breanna Sooter, alto

The Second Word (Luke 23:43)

Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Jan Nicholas

Leader:

For some of us, the seed of our healing lies in assurance.
Some need assurance that God has forgiven us.
Some need assurance that our suffering will soon be over.
Some need assurance that a new life awaits us.
Some need assurance that our loved ones are safe in God's hands.
So let us pray for the assurance that brings healing...

Joe Eberly

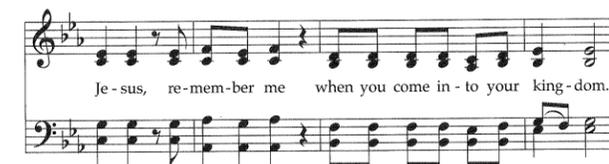
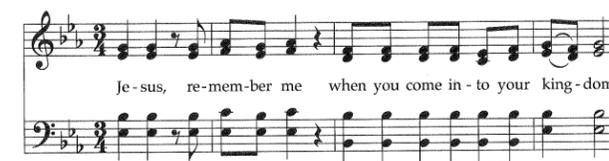
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April 19, 2019
Noon

When you entered you should have received a small nail to hold as you pray. After the reading of Jesus' seventh word from the cross, you will be invited to bring your nail to the table and pick up two small crosses to take home with you. Clergy will be available on either side of the table to pray with you and if you wish, anoint your forehead with oil in the very place where once there were ashes. You may also choose to remain in your pew and/or keep your nail until you are ready to release these prayers to God.

SUNG RESPONSE
Jesus Remember Me (sung twice)

REMEMBER ME



The Third Word (John 19:26-27)

Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.

Breanna Sooter

Leader:

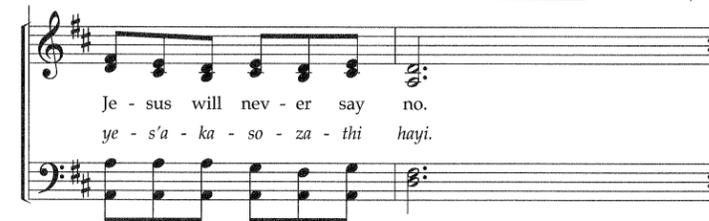
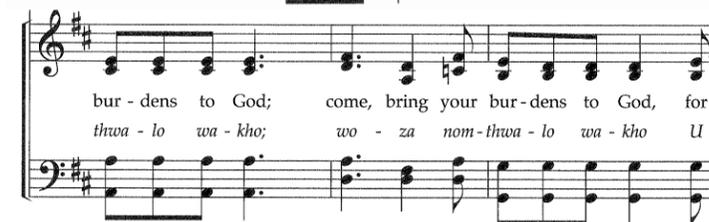
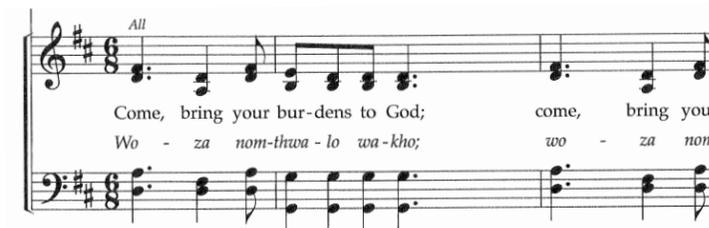
For some of us, the seed of our healing lies in our relationships.
For families created through birth, adoption, covenant, and friendship;
For families struggling to stay together;
For families struggling to care for one another;
For families struggling with their finances;
For families struggling to cope with loss;
For families struggling with transitions and changing roles;
For those separated from their families by distance, death, or pain;
For those longing to start new families;
We pray for the healing possible through relationships new and restored...

Will Harbison

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SUNG RESPONSE
Come Bring Your Burdens to God (sung twice)

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO



The Fourth Word (Matthew 27:46 / Mark 15:34)
My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Bill Hoff

Leader: Kathy Para
For some of us, the seed of our healing lies in honesty.
For those whose secrets weigh heavy on their souls;
For those who always put on a happy face, but feel empty inside;
For those who feel God's absence or doubt God's existence;
For those who feel betrayed, used, or left behind by the church;
For those whose honesty has been met with cruelty, fear, or anger.
For those who have trouble accessing their true feelings,
We pray for the honesty that can bring communion.

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SOLO
I Will Come to You (text Hymn 177)

Breanna Sooter, alto

YOU ARE MINE

The Fifth Word (John 19:28)
I thirst.

Jan Nicholas

Leader: Mary Spuhler
For some of us, the seed of our healing lies in our bodies.
For those whose bodies are a source of shame or frustration;
For those bodies who are hungry or exposed too much to the elements;
For those whose bodies are addicted to substances that cause them harm;
For those whose bodies are fighting illness or disease;
For those whose bodies are frail or fractured;
For those whose bodies are healthy, but whose minds and memories
have gone;
For those whose bodies are longing to be touched,
and those whose bodies have been violated;
We pray for the changes in our bodies, minds, and habits that can
bring healing.

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*HYMN 775
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (stanzas 1, 2)

WALK WITH ME

The Sixth Word (John 19:29-30)
It is finished.

Steve Goyer

Leader: Will Harbison
For some of us, the seed of our healing lies in acceptance.
For those haunted by regret;
For those pretending that death will never come;
And those who are paralyzed by grief;
For those trying to twist their loved ones to fit their own image;
For those trying to save the world;
For those whose pain cannot be eased in this lifetime;
For those whose end is near, and for those who will grieve their loss;
We pray for the acceptance that can bring peace.

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SUNG RESPONSE
Come and Fill Our Hearts (sung twice)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

The Seventh Word (Luke 23:46)

Breanna Sooter

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

Leader: Arden Brugger
Whatever we are carrying, whatever we fear,
whatever mistakes we have made,
whatever pain we have caused,
whatever shadow has fallen over our lives,
whatever wound still is raw,
whatever obstacle stands in the way between us and God,
whatever this nail we hold represents
let us bring it to the table, that the one
who holds the whole world in His hands,
might hold even these, our Good Friday selves,
our Good Friday prayers. And if some would like to speak
aloud the name of someone they are remembering or praying for
as they lay their nail, let them do so.
And if some would like prayers for healing
or to be anointed with oil, let them come.

THE LAYING DOWN OF NAILS, PRAYERS AND ANOINTING

*During the song "O Lord Hear My Prayer," the congregation is invited to come forward by way of the center aisle and **lay their nail on the table**, either in silence or speaking aloud a name or a word. This act symbolizes our need to let go, to be reconciled and unburdened. You are then invited to **pick up two crosses**, one for yourself and one to give to someone else, representing your deep yearning and openness to the new life of the Spirit.*

If you would like, you may then receive the sign of the cross on your forehead (with oil). Those who would like individual prayers may receive them from the clergy standing on either side of the table. Please let the clergy know if you want prayers for anything specific. You may return to your pew by way of the outer aisles.

SUNG RESPONSE
O Lord Hear My Prayer

HEAR MY PRAYER

(To be repeated until all have returned to their seats.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ROMANS 8)

Bill Hoff

Leader: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
People: Neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE
HYMN 797
We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES LMD

BENEDICTION

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE

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