Good Friday
April 19, 2019
7 p.m.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.
Welcome

Welcome to Our Guests,
We especially welcome you today! More information about our church is available on our website at firstpresaugusta.org. You can also visit the desk in our Welcome Center, located behind the sanctuary. Additional seating is available in St. Andrew’s Hall. Ushers are available to direct you.

Spiritual Care
If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please use one of the prayer cards in the pew rack to contact our pastors. Our church elders are also available to speak with you. An elder and his wife will be standing next to the pastor following the service to talk or pray with you.

Children’s Check-in
We are committed to the highest level of protection possible for the children placed in our care on Sundays and at all church events. For this reason, we require parents to check in their children before they go to their classrooms. Kiosks are available in the Children’s Lobby. The process is quick and easy, and volunteers are available to assist you.

Nursery
Nurseries are provided for infants and toddlers during the worship services. We provide a Mother/Infant Room (#160) located in the Ebenezer Building behind the sanctuary.

Family Room
The Telfair Room (#100) is a great place for parents with restless children to watch live feed of the sermon while training young children how to participate in corporate worship. Ushers are available to direct you.

Our Denomination
We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination “true to the Scriptures, the reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.” Learn more about the PCA at pcanet.org.
The Good Friday Service

Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant

In reverence for the suffering our Savior experienced on our behalf, and in preparation for this worship service, please spend this time in silent prayer and meditation.

The Prelude—What Wondrous Love Is This............................................. Folk Hymn
How Deep the Father’s Love............................................................ Townend

Kirk Sauers, guitar; Amy Russell, flute; Jonathan Harper, percussion

The Meditation—When Hope Fell Silent..........................arr. Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

Mark Bischoff, director; Robin Jenkins Ericksen, piano

When hope fell silent on that day, A dreadful darkness on the land,
The sinless Savior died; The King of Glory dies.
He drank the cup, his blood poured out, The spotless Lamb is sacrificed,
And mercy opened wide. And judgement satisfied.

Man of Sorrows abandoned here;
Our debt to great to pay.
With broken body upon the cross,
He’ll bear our sins away.

Words: Rose Aspinall | Tune: AVON, by Hugh Wilson, 1827 | Arr. Mary McDonald | © 2018 Lorenz Publishing Company

The Procession of the Cross

†The Call to Worship ................................................................. from 1 Peter 3; Hebrews 4

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us worship God!

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*†The Hymn of Praise—Beneath the Cross of Jesus .......................... St. CHRISTOPHER

(All Verses)

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.
†Invocation ................................................................................................................. Rev. Mike Hearon

Most Merciful Father, who by your great compassion toward us sinners, gave us the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world, visit us with power from on high that we may more fully comprehend the sufferings of our Savior and the mercy that is ours through his death on the cross. As you have given yourself fully for us, may we give ourselves entirely to you.

(Congregation)

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Amen.

The Anthem—Lamb of God ....................................................................................... arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Chancel Choir
Mark Bischoff, director

Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer
Our sins by thee were taken
Our hope had us forsaken
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

Text: Nicolaus Decius | Translated: Arthur T. Russell | Music: Traditional German Chorale | Arranged: F. Melius Christiansen
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Jesus Sentenced to Be Crucified

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe 3 and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they struck him in the face.

4 Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” 5 When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

6 As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

7 The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

8 When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, 9 and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” He asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

11 Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

12 From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

13 When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). 14 It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

15 But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” The chief priests answered.

16 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

The Crucifixion

17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). 18 Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

19 Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

21 The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

24 “Let’s not tear it,” They said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

The Death of Jesus

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
†The Response—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.......................... O WALY WALY

(Sung by all)
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1700 | Scottish Folk Tune, 1600s

**The Offering

The Offertory—God So Loved the World.............................................. Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world
That he gave his only begotten son,
That who-so believeth in him
Should not perish but have everlasting life.


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1. 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!

2. 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 Saviour! ‘Tis I deserve thy place; Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend, for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace. Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
The Homily—Our Suffering Servant and Sufficient Savior ............ Rev. John Franks
Isaiah 52-53
page 1144 in the pew Bible

1. Suffering

2. Substitute

3. Submissive

4. Sufficient

The Meditation—Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted..... O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

Kirk Sauers, guitar

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted
See him dying on the tree
'Tis the Christ by man rejected
Yes my soul, 'tis he 'tis he
He's the long expected Prophet
David's Son yet David's Lord
By his Son, God now has spoken
He's the true and faithful Word.

You who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly
Here its guilt may estimate
Mark the sacrifice appointed
See who bears the awful load
He's the Word, the Lord's Anointed
Son of Man and Son of God.

Tell me you who hear him groaning
Was there ever grief like his
Friends in fear, his cause disowning
Foes insulting his distress
Many hands were raised to wound him
None would interpose to save
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

Here we have a firm foundation
Here the refuge of the lost
Christ's the Rock of our salvation
His the name of which we boast
Lamb of God for sinners wounded
Sacrifice to cancel guilt
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.

Words: Thomas Kelly, 1804|Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN, 1850

Sermons are available on the church website at firstpresaugusta.org/resources/sermons.
The Confession of Faith................................................................. The Belgic Confession

We believe that Jesus Christ is ordained with an oath to be an everlasting High Priest and that he has presented himself in our behalf before the Father, to appease his wrath by his full satisfaction, by offering himself on the tree of the cross, and pouring out his precious blood to purge away our sins, as the prophets had foretold. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and numbered with the transgressors; and condemned by Pontius Pilate as a criminal, though he had first declared him innocent.

Therefore, he restored that which he took not away, and suffered, the righteous for the unrighteous, as well in his body as in his soul, feeling the terrible punishment which our sins had merited; insomuch that his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. He called out: “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” and has suffered all this for the remission of our sins.

Adapted from Article 21

The Lord’s Supper—How Deep the Father’s Love ............................................ Townend

Kirk Sauers, guitar

How deep the Father’s love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

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†The Hymn of Response—Man of Sorrows! What a Name.... Hallelujah What a Savior

(All Verses)

1. Man of Sor-rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear-ing shame and scoff-ing rude, in my place con-demned he stood,
3. Guilt- y, vile, and help-less, we; spot-less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift-ed up was he to die, “It is fin-ished!” was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo-rious King, all his ran-somed home to bring,

ru-ined sin-ners to re-claim: Hal- le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par-don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
• full a - tone-ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
now in heav’n ex-alt-ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
then a - new this song we’ll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

†The Benediction (Please lift hands) (Please be seated following the benediction)

In solemn reflection on the Savior’s loving sacrifice for us, please depart the sanctuary in silence.
Easter Services

Easter Sunday, April 21, Services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Please join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate the triumphant resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with choir and brass ensemble. We will not have Sunday School or an evening service so families can celebrate and reflect on the great gift of Christ’s resurrection.