

# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

*A Service of Scripture Lessons & Hymns April 7, 2023*

**PRELUDE** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Opus 122, No. 10)” by Johannes Brahms  
Robert Phillips, Organist

**GREETING AND INTRODUCTION**

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**UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** John 3:16-17

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

**HYMN** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (vss. 1 & 2) / Led by Yvonne Flagg No. 626

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood;  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Matthew 26:17-29

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

**SOLO:** “What Was Thy Transgression?” by Heinrich Schütz      Yvonne Flagg, soloist

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Continued*

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**HYMN** “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

No. 628

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst. (Sing three times)**

**THE SECOND LESSON:** John 18:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, ‘For whom are you looking?’ <sup>5</sup>They answered, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ Jesus replied, ‘I am he.’ Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, ‘I am he’, they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, ‘For whom are you looking?’ And they said, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, ‘I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.’ <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, ‘I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.’ <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to Peter, ‘Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?’

**HYMN** “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vss. 1 & 2)

No. 290

**Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter’s power;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.**

**THE THIRD LESSON:** John 18:12-24

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Judean authorities arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the religious authorities that it was better to have one person die for the people. <sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, ‘You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

**THE FOURTH LESSON:** John 18:19-24

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, ‘I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jewish people come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.’ <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, ‘Is that how you answer the high priest?’ <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, ‘If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?’ <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to the high priest.

**THE FIFTH LESSON:** John 18:25-27

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, ‘You are not also one of his disciples, are you?’ He denied it and said, ‘I am not.’ <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, ‘Did I not see you in the garden with him?’ <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

**HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

No. 286

**O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown:  
how pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish  
which once was bright as morn!**

**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 Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.**

**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,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.**

**THE SIXTH LESSON: John 18:28-38a**

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from the high priest to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' <sup>30</sup>They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.' <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.' The religious authorities replied, 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death.' <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the religious authorities. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' <sup>38a</sup>Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

**THE SEVENTH LESSON: John 18:38b-40**

<sup>38b</sup>After he had said this, he went out to the religious authorities again and told them, 'I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, 'Not this man, but Barabbas!' Now Barabbas was a bandit.

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.**

**THE EIGHTH LESSON:** John 19:1-11

<sup>19</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, ‘Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.’ <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, ‘Here is the man!’ <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.’ <sup>7</sup>The religious authorities answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.’ <sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, ‘Where are you from?’ But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, ‘Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?’ <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.’

**THE NINTH LESSON:** John 19:12-16a

From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the religious authorities cried out, ‘If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.’ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the religious authorities, ‘Here is your King!’ <sup>15</sup>They cried out, ‘Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!’ Pilate asked them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but the emperor.’ <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinnéd, and the Son hath suffered.  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

**THE TENTH LESSON:** John 19:16b-22

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' <sup>20</sup>Many of the Judeans read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the Jewish chief priests said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews," but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'

**THE ELEVENTH LESSON:** John 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**THE TWELFTH LESSON: John 19:28-30**

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**THE THIRTEENTH LESSON: John 19:31-37**

Since it was the day of Preparation, the religious authorities did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, ‘None of his bones shall be broken.’ <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, ‘They will look on the one whom they have pierced.’

**THE FOURTEENTH LESSON: John 19:38-42**

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the religious authorities, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden, there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

*With grateful hearts for God’s goodness toward us,  
when you are ready, you are invited  
to leave the sanctuary  
in silence.*

*Go in peace to love and serve God!*



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