

Georgia O'Keefe "Black Cross"

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Lake Shore Baptist Church

We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God's love knows no bounds.

Prelude

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
arr. Heather Sorenson
Cindy Fuller

Call to Worship

Sharlande Sledge

- ONE: In your mercy, God, hear our prayer.
- MANY: **O Jesus, stretch forth your wounded hands over your people to heal and to restore. Draw us to yourself and to one another in love.**
- ONE: This is the day when life is raw, quivering, terrifying.
- MANY: **The day of numbed emotions, the day of blunt nails and splintered wood, of bruised flesh and red blood.**
- ONE: The day we loathe, when all seems to be meaningless.
- MANY: **The day we long for when pretense falls away because the worst that we can do cannot kill God's love.**
- ONE: We gather again on this Good Friday at the foot of the cross which calls us on,
- MANY: **not in shame, not in fear, but more deeply into the costly journey toward life.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Grant Dooley

- ONE: This is the word of the Lord.
MANY: **Thanks be to God.**

Gift of Music

"Wayfaring Stranger"
Steve Gardner

Prayers of Mercy

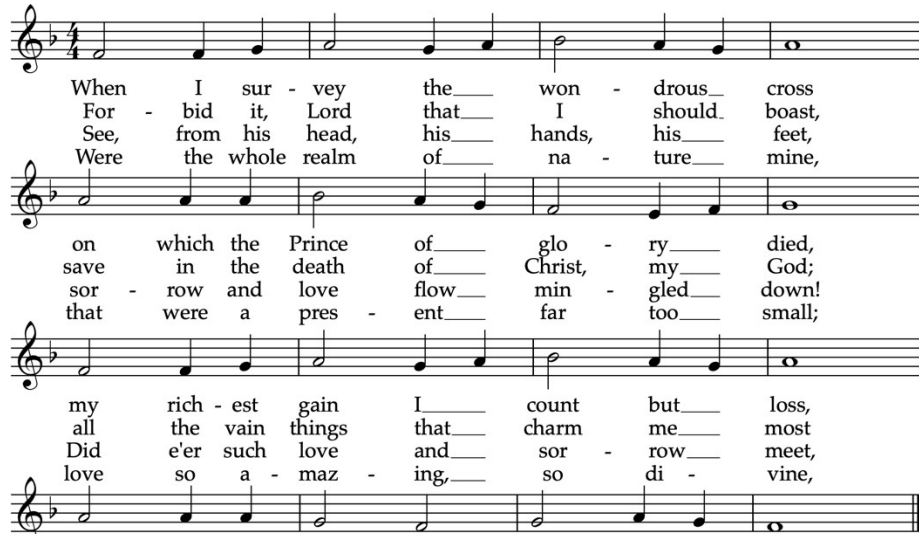
Jon Snyder

ONE: We have all been the disciple who denied,
MANY: the disciple who betrayed,
ONE: and the disciple who Jesus loved. And so we say “Christe Eleison.”
MANY: Christ have mercy.
ONE: We have all asked, “My God, my God, why have you forsake me?”
MANY: Christ have mercy.
ONE: We have all doubted and mocked the love of God.
MANY: Christ have mercy.
ONE: We have all denied the Prince of Peace by our actions and inactions.
MANY: Christ have mercy.
ONE: And so now we bear the loss of God’s embodied love among us.
MANY: Christ have mercy.
ONE: Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.
MANY: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Congregational Song

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG



When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
For - bid it, Lord that I should boast,
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,
on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
sor - row and love flow min - gled down!
that were a pres - ent far too small;
my rich - est gain I count but loss,
all the vain things that charm me most
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,
and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Passion of Christ

The extinguishing of lights in memory of Christ’s passion is called Tenebrae (shadows) and dates back to the fourth century. The gradual extinguishing of lights is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the approach of the enemies, and the suffering of Jesus. The total darkness recalls the days Christ was in the tomb. After the last candle has been put out, we will sit in the darkness for a moment and then depart in reflection on the death of Christ.

Jesus Is Arrested and Taken to Annas (John 18:1-14) – Conway Briscoe

Peter Denies Jesus (John 18:15-27) – Melanie Briscoe

Jesus Before Pilate (John 18:28-40) – Joanne Cummings

Jesus Sentence to be Crucified (John 19:1-16) – Steven Pounders

The Crucifixion (John 19:17-27) – Thomas Spitzer-Hanks

The Death of Jesus (John 19:28-37) – Scott Houser

The Burial of Jesus (John 19:38-42) – Gail Boyd

Music for Reflection

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Cindy Fuller

The Darkness

*The sky peels back to purple
and the thunder slaps the thighs of heaven,
And all the tears of those who grieve
fly up to clouds and are released
and drench the earth.
The ones who see and hear
know
that all is lost . . .
All night long
the angels weep.
– Ann Weems*