



NEW HOPE
BAPTIST CHURCH
Inspiring Hope in Christ



Calvary Baptist Church
Open to all. Closed to none.

Good Friday

April 10, 2020



*“Today on Good Friday the primary human problem, the core issue that defeats human history, is both revealed and resolved. It is indeed a ‘good’ Friday. The central issue at work is the human inclination to kill others, in any multitude of ways, instead of dying ourselves – to our own illusions, pretenses, narcissism, and self-defeating behaviors. Jesus dies ‘for’ us not in the sense of ‘in place of’ but ‘in solidarity with.’
The first is merely a heavenly transaction of sorts;
the second is a transformation of our very soul and the trajectory of history.”*

- Richard Rohr

Order of Worship

In the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude

Adagio
Denise Lanning, organ

Samuel Barber

Centering Prayer:

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this holy day, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love. And by your Spirit, place in our hearts a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Reverend Anne J. Scalfaro

On Good Friday we remember the agony experienced by Jesus in his death on the cross, crucified by Roman soldiers. In the final hours of his earthly time, as Jesus hung on the cross, he made seven statements – each teaching us more about Jesus and his character. These are from four Gospel accounts and are known as Jesus' "seven last sayings." Throughout this service, we will read and reflect upon these seven last sayings that Jesus spoke from the Cross.

Let us pray:

One: God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this holy day, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love. And by your Spirit, place in our hearts a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world.

All: *We yearn to know your love more deeply in our lives, so that we might more deeply love others. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

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 language which once was bright as morn!
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 out live my love to Thee.

Prayer of Preparation

Reverend Dr. Eugene Downing

One: God of Light, God of Shadow, in our time together today,

All: *keep us aware of your presence in the darkness,*

One: help us to sort meaning out of this violent story,

All: *and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts.*

One: This we pray in the name of the man from Nazareth,

All: *the one who lived with a great Passion for your Way,*

One: the one whose death is nigh,

All: *the one who taught his friends to pray saying:*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Seven Last Words of Christ

First Word: FORGIVENESS

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Scripture

Luke 23:32-38

Reverend Alice Horner-Nelson

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Reflection

Reverend Alice Horner-Nelson

Visual Meditation

Second Word: PARDON

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Scripture

Luke 23:39-43

Minister Troy Duffie

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Reflection

Minister Troy Duffie

Visual Meditation

Hymn

Oh How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me.
Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me.

Third Word: CONCERN

“Woman, here is your son.” ... “Here is your mother.”

Scripture

John 19:23-27

Reverend Quincy Shannon

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. 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.” 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. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom

he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Reflection

Reverend Quincy Shannon

Visual Meditation

Solo

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Dr. David Farwig, soloist

Traditional

Fourth Word: LONELINESS

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Scripture

Matthew 27:45-49

Reverend Anne J. Scalfaro

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

Reflection

Reverend Anne J. Scalfaro

Visual Meditation

Silent Psalter

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others and despised by the people.
All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver and rescue the one in whom he delights!”
Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

Fifth Word: SUFFERING

“I am thirsty.”

Scripture

John 19:28-29

Reverend Morgan C. Fletcher

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” 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.

Reflection

Reverend Morgan C. Fletcher

Visual Meditation

Sixth Word: VICTORY

“It is finished.”

Scripture

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Anthem

He Never Said a Mumblin’ Word

arr. Harry Robert Wilson

The Combined Choirs of Calvary and New Hope from 2019
Michelle Mendoza, Calvary soloist; Phyllis Chapman, New Hope soloist

Visual Meditation

Seventh Word: (RE)DEDICATION

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Scripture

Luke 23:44-49

Reverend Dr. Eugene Downing

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Reflection

Reverend Dr. Eugene Downing

Visual Meditation

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

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.
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Final Prayer

Reverend Dr. Eugene Downing & Reverend Anne J. Scalfaro

One: O Holy God, the hosannas have died away,
the palm branches have turned brittle.
Now, today, there is only this –
each of us,

All: all of us,

Two: sitting in the darkness,
the hymns of lament in the air,
the mumblings of our own feeble confession,
on this Friday which we tremble to call Good.

All: What is good about Good Friday?

One: What is good about the innocent one nailed to a cross?
What is good about the darkness of war that persists today?
What is good about our devastation of the planet?
What is good about people living in poverty?

What is good about the fog of addiction, depression, disease, and despair?
What is good about the crushing weight of hunger, racism, scapegoating, apathy?

All: *No, there is nothing good and desirable in these things.
Yet you, O God, are Good.*

Two: When suffering reigns,
All: *yours is the first heart to break.*

One: When despair lurks about,
we remember that you were there first,
peering into the abyss and crying out, incredibly:

All: *“Father, forgive them.”*

Two: When we feel forsaken,
we remember that in your last moments,
you cared for your mother and your beloved disciple,
binding them to one another as a new family.
When we feel overcome by guilt,
we remember that you spoke grace to a thief:

All: *“Today you will be with me in paradise.”*

One: Your love for us is just that boundless, and ever-present, and Good.

All: *What else can we say here,
in the dimness,
in the darkness,
but thank you.*

- MaryAnn McKibben Dana

Benediction

Extinguishing the Light

The extinguishing of the Light of Christ serves as our wordless benediction. It is the final act of the worship service. Christ has been crucified and for tonight, there are no words to say.



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