



"My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:46

GOOD FRIDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 19, 2019

Prelude

"Ah, Holy Jesus"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Helmut Walcha

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship

Leader: From the busy-ness of our lives we have come here on a day that is different.

People: In the midst of the world which holds the promise of spring and new life, we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.

Leader: Come and hear the tale, come and share the tragedy, come and embrace the darkness.

People: God of Light, God of Shadow, in our time together today, keep us aware of your presence in the darkness. Help us to see meaning in this terrible story, and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts.

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

People: the one who lived with a great passion for your way, the one whose death is nigh. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 223

First Reading

Matthew 27:27-44

Rev. Case Van Kempen

(Pew Bible Page 998; Large Print 1,519)

Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 53:4-6 NRSV)

People: We come to you, Jesus, burdened with our own sin. Our own calls for revenge and violence, which may or may not have included the words, "Crucify, crucify!" Our own betrayals, with or without the thirty pieces of silver. Our own denials, whether or not we have heard the cock crowing. You know

the sins we carry, secretly or openly, the way they crush us, the weight of them. We bring these to your cross.

You carry our burdens, Lord. These, the simplest and gravest of sins, are magnified into organizations and systems, amplified in the actions of corporations and governments. Selfishness, revenge and violence unfold on the largest scale, bringing forth misery and destruction in our world every day. You carry all of our burdens.

Leader: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Congregational Response "O Save Me, God, And Hear My Cry" (verse 1) No. 812
**O Save me, God, and hear my cry: my prayer to you ascends.
And vindicate me by your might; on you my hope depends.**

Anthem "When Jesus Wept" arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Matthew 27: 45-61
(Pew Bible Page 999; Large Print 1,519)

Sermon Rev. Drew Filkins

Hymn of Response "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" No. 212

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering/Solo "Were You There" arr. Moses Hogan
Joe Kennedy, bass

Sending Hymn "They Crucified My Lord" No. 219

Benediction