

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Pickens Presbyterian Church

March 29th, 2024 7:00 pm

The Church Gathers

Prelude

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Arr. David Cherwien

Call to Worship

We come to worship praying for the strength to be a witness for Christ.

How do we go on singing?

Even in your suffering, you forgive and you uplift the oppressed, eyes raised to heaven.

Like the thief beside you, we long to be with you in glory.

For your assurance, we give you praise.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination First Reading

Elder Jeff Price

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22 Dr. Torrey
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Special Music "In Remembrance Medley" arr. Edith T. Rogers

Piano duet: Marianne Holland and Steve Ellison

Gospel Reading

John 18:1-27

Elder Starla Taylor

John 18:28-40

Elder Joe Padgett

John 19:1-29

Ivy Stoddard

John 19:30-42

Dr. Torrey

Hymn #98 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Sermon "Accomplished" Rev. Dr. David Torrey

The Solemn Intercession

Dear people of God,

God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved, that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of eternal life.

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The Lord's Prayer (debts/Debtors)

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.

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

(respond to 'but you have prepared a cross for your Savior' by saying 'Lord, have mercy')

Hymn # 102

"Were You There?"

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?) 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?)
- 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?) 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? (Were you there?)
- 3 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?) Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)
- 4 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?) 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? (Were you there?)

Depart In Silence