

Good Friday: A Cantata Service

Leader's Guide

Our Zoom call will start at 6:45pm. Doug and various members of the Choir will be Zooming in. Pastor Dustin and Jill will be in position in the sanctuary with Rich B. on camera and hosting the Zoom call.

At 7:00pm we'll go live on Facebook and Doug will begin playing the prelude

At 7:10pm Pastor Dustin will begin with the opening meditation.

And here's who's doing what:

Pastor

Jill

Doug

Choir Member

One candle is lit on the otherwise bare altar for each reading. Pastor Dustin extinguishes a candle after each responsive reading. The camera is focused on the altar when each choral meditation is played and otherwise focuses on the speaker.

Prelude

Douglas J. Chilton (begins at 7p)

Opening Meditation

Pastor Dustin (begins at 7:10p)

Gathering Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that we to judge you have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted!

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

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 53:3-6

- P. He was despised and rejected of all, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and we hid our faces from him. He was despised, and we knew him not.
- A. **Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. Yet we knew him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**
- P. But he was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.
- A. **All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned each of us to our own ways, and God has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

The Watch

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:36-54

Choral Meditation

Is It I, Lord?

Responsive Reading

Psalms 51: 1-3, 5-6, 10-11

- P. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
- A. **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquities, and cleanse me from my sin. I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sins are ever before me.**
- P. Behold, I was raised in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden parts you shall make me to know wisdom.
- A. **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not from your presence, and take not your holy spirit from me.**

The Betrayal

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:47-56

Choral Meditation

They Took My Lord Away

Responsive Reading

Psalms 6: 1-2, 5

- P. O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor chasten me in your displeasure.
- A. **Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak. O Lord, heal me in my distress.**

- P. For in death there is no remembrance of you. In the grave who shall give you thanks?
- A. **The Lord has heard my supplication. The Lord will receive my prayer.**

The Denial

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26: 57-75

Choral Meditation

In Darkness Do I Wander

Responsive Reading

Psalm 102: 1-2, 11-12

- P. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto you.
- A. **Hide not your face from me in the days when I am in trouble. Incline your ear unto me when I call.**
- P. My days are like a shadow that wanes, and I am withered like the grass.
- A. **But you, O Lord, shall endure forever, and your remembrance unto all generations.**

The Guilt

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:1-5

Choral Meditation

Kyrie Eleison

Responsive Reading

Psalm 32: 1-2, 7, 10

- P. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are concealed.
- A. **Blessed are they unto whom the Lord punishes not wickedness, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P. The Lord is our hiding place. He shall protect us from trouble, and shall surround us with songs of deliverance.
- A. **Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but those who trust in the Lord shall receive mercy.**

The Judgment

Scripture Reading

Luke 23: 12-25

Choral Meditation

Who Could Have Imagined?

Responsive Reading

Psalm 143: 1-2, 9-10

- P. Hear my prayer, O Lord. Give ear to my supplications. In your faithfulness and in your righteousness, answer me.
- A. Enter not into judgment with your servant, for in your sight shall no man living be justified.**
- P. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies, for I fly unto you for safety.
- A. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Your spirit is good. Lead me into the land of righteousness.**

The Crucifixion

Scripture Reading

Luke 23: 26-34

Choral Meditation

But Morning Never Came

Responsive Reading

Psalm 38: 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 21

- P. O Lord, rebuke me not in your wrath, neither chasten me in your displeasure.
- A. For my iniquities are gone over my head, and as a heavy burden, I can bear them no more.**
- P. I am troubled. I am bowed down greatly. I go mourning all the day long.
- A. I am feeble and sore broken. I have cried out by reason of the disquietness of my heart.**
- P. My heart pants. My strength fails me. The light of my eyes is gone from me.
- A. Forsake me not, O Lord. O my God, be not far from me.**

The Commendation

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:39-47

Choral Meditation

Into God's Hands

Responsive Reading

Psalm 130

- P. Out of the depths have I cried unto you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice, and let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
- A. If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with you, that you might be feared.**

- P. I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in his word do I hope.
- A. **My soul waits for the Lord more than they who watch for the morning. Let us hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem us from all our iniquities.**

Sending Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

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

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay you,
I do adore you, and will ever pray you,
Think on your pity and your love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

The Lord's Prayer

- P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- A. **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever. Amen.**

Scripture Verse

John 16:16

- P. A little while and you shall not see me, and again, a little while, and you shall see me.

Pastor extinguishes a final candle.

Postlude

Douglas J. Chilton