

# GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

*"A light by the lakeshore"*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

APRIL 10, 2020 | WORSHIP 7:30 PM  
GOOD FRIDAY



## CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
*Many:* **And also with you.**  
*One:* Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
*Many:* **Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted;**  
*One:* He was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was bruised for our iniquities;  
*Many:* **Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,  
and with his stripes we are healed.**  
*All:* **Let us worship God.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE 218 – Ah, Holy Jesus

*Tune: Herzliebster Jesu*

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*All:* God of mercy and compassion, who counts our tears and hears our sighs and knows the secret burden of our hearts; we have fallen short in our love for others because we don't dare to believe the reality of your love for us. We have blinded ourselves to your goodness; we have not trusted in your promise; we have not perceived you in adversity nor seen you

among the least of our sisters and brothers. Release us from pride, from self-serving expectations, from vengeful violence, from all that separates us from you and from our neighbor, from all that keeps us from being who you call us to be. May we discover in the cross of Christ our forgiveness and hope and path, trusting the God who brings life out of death, and love out of alienation.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*One:* Amen. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Jesus died for us. Jesus rose for us. Jesus reigns in power for us. Jesus intercedes on our behalf. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.  
*All:* **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## RESPONSE – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Verse 3)

*Tune: Passion Chorale*

*All:* **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 outlive my love to thee.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING– Luke 23: 44 - 48

HOMILY–Enduring the Darkness

Mark Diehl

## A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Meditation on a Reading from John 18:1-9

Meditation on a Reading from John 18:12-17

Meditation on a Reading from John 18:19-27

Meditation on a Reading from John 18:28-38

Meditation on a Reading from John 19:1-6

Meditation on a Reading from John 19:16-19, 23-27

Meditation on a Reading from John 19:28-30

Meditation on a Reading from John 19:38-42

## A GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2. He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.  
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!
3. Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to our King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,  
and for his death we thirst and cry.
4. Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away,  
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.  
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.
5. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

## BENEDICTION

Participating in Worship: Rev. Mark Diehl