

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
April 6, 2023



Thought for Meditation

In the cross is salvation; in the cross is life; in the cross is protection; in the cross is heavenly sweetness; in the cross is strength of mind; in the cross is spiritual joy; in the cross is supreme virtue; in the cross is perfect holiness. There is no salvation for the soul nor hope for eternal life, except in the cross... Everything is founded on the cross, and everything consists in dying on it, and there is no other road to life and to true inner peace than the road of the holy cross and of our daily dying to ourselves. *Thomas à Kempis*

Prelude Prelude and Meditation on "Rockingham" Keene

Call To Worship Isaiah 44:6 Terri Ludwig

L: This is what the LORD says – Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

P: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no other God."

L: We have a Redeemer – Jesus, God's own Son;

P: Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

L: Let us worship our heavenly Father for giving us his only Son, our Redeemer!

*** Hymn of Praise** There Is A Redeemer (v1-2) #308

Prayer of Confession

L: Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.

P: Lord, have mercy...

L: We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

P: Christ, have mercy...

L: We have ignored the pain and suffering of the world.

P: Lord, have mercy...

L: Forgive us, O God.

P: Heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Christ, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness 1 John 1:8-9

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Believe the good news – Christ died for our sins!

P: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Offertory Ado ramus Te, Christe Palestrina

The Celebration of the Last Supper

John 17:20-26 Doug Marshall

Meditation Jesus Prays for Us

*** Hymn of Preparation** Come, Share the Lord (v1-2) #462

Matthew 26:17-29

The Lord's Supper

The First Candle Is Extinguished

The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ

*Hymn of the Passion	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v1-3)	#324
Matthew 26:31-56 The Second Candle Is Extinguished	Jesus in Gethsemane	Cathy Brady
Matthew 26:57-75 The Third Candle Is Extinguished	Jesus Before the Sanhedrin	Henry Kedzierski
Matthew 27:1-26 The Fourth Candle Is Extinguished	Jesus Before Pilate	Elsie Deem
*Hymn of the Cross	Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v1, 3)	#320
Matthew 27:27-44 The Fifth Candle Is Extinguished	Jesus' Crucifixion	
Matthew 27:45-54 The Sixth Candle Is Extinguished	Jesus' Death	
Anthem	O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done (Purifoy)	Chancel Choir
O Love divine, what hast thou done! The immortal God hath died for me! The Father's coeternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree. The Son of God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified! Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God. Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood. Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified! Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace! Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, "Was ever grief like his?" Come, feel with me his blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified! 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 for Thee. Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!		
Isaiah 53:1-12 The Seventh Candle Is Extinguished	The Suffering Servant	
Silent Reflection		
Were You There		
TOLLING OF THE BELLS		

Feel free to stay in the sanctuary to meditate on the Cross of Christ – in silence.
WHEN YOU ARE READY, PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY.

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Please join us Sunday, April 9 at 10:00am for worship as we celebrate the resurrection.

The offering from tonight's worship service will be used to replenish the Friendship Fund of Grace Community Presbyterian Church. We use the Friendship Fund as one way to *Love Our Neighbor*. Donations are directed towards local missions and causes, such as the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and Meals on Wheels, at the discretion of the Mission Committee. The Friendship Fund can also be used by the pastor to help people who are in need. Historically, the offerings from the Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve services, in addition to private donations, support the Friendship Fund.

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