



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2023 - 12:00pm

Prelude

"Were You There?"
Marty Franklin & Steve Holman

arr. Gary Lanier

Call to Worship

Rev. R.C. Griffin

One: On this Good Friday, we contemplate the good news of the cross:
how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering
and sin; how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us.
Come and see the beloved Son of God.

Many: He is high and lifted up.

One: Come and see the Ruler of the nations.

Many: He is high and lifted up.

One: Come and see the Savior of the world.

All: He is high and lifted up—upon a cross.

Opening Prayer

One: Lord God, on this haunting holy day we come to the place of the skull, the
place of the cross, the place of our salvation. In the face of such suffering,
show us the face of our Savior. In the shadow of such evil, show us the light
of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Special Music

Shadow Garden

Joseph M. Martin

NWPC Choir

*With ev'ry breath of wind, the garden moves in whispered sighs.
A silver moon is rising into the dark Judean skies.
Shadows from olive trees touch Jesus as He grieves,
pouring out His heart in agony.
The drone of distant thunder echoes throughout the solemn night.
A tempest soon is coming, when clouds of scorn will hide the Light.
Christ weeps a falling tear, knowing His time is near.
Hear him groan in anguish and in fear.
Come to the garden. Fall on your knees.
Kneel in the shadows, the shadows of Gethsemane.
And now come cries of violence. With torches high, the soldiers march.
One kiss betrays the Sacred beneath the garden's ancient arch.
Onward to Pilate's hall, to face the Roman law!
In the darkness, you can hear Him call, "Father, Father, let They will be done in Me!
Father, Father, let Thy will be done in Me!*

IN THE GARDEN

Lesson

Luke 22:39-46

Hymn (#204)

Stay with Me

THE BETRAYAL & DENIAL

Lesson

Luke 22:47-62

Call to Confession

Rev. Amanda Horan

Prayer of Confession

One: Christ Jesus was despised and rejected.

Many: We thought nothing of him.

One: He was oppressed and afflicted.

Many: We hid our face from him.

One: He bore our sickness and sin.

Many: We believed God was punishing him.

One: We, like sheep, have gone astray.

Many: Yet he, like a lamb, was led to the slaughter.

Sung Reflection (#576, sing 2x followed by silence)

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on us.

One: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

All: **Lamb of God, grant us peace. Amen.**

Special Music

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Marty Franklin & Steve Holman

arr. Glen Poehlmann

THE TRIAL

Lesson

Luke 22:63-23:25

Hymn (#218)

Ah, Holy Jesus

THE CRUCIFIXION

Lesson

Luke 23:26-43

Special Music

Via Dolorosa
Marty Franklin & Steve Holman

arr. Kathleen Henson

LAMENT

Lesson

Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8, 12-18



THE DEATH OF JESUS

Special Music

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Theodore Dubois

NWPC Choir

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,

for on the cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.

Christ, we do all adore thee!

The Death of Jesus

Luke 23:44-49

The Chancel is Stripped

(So end the events of Jesus' betrayal, trial, and crucifixion

and we abide for a time in the emptiness of despair and the silence of death.

*After the chancel is stripped, you may stay for a time of quiet reflection and prayer
or you can exit the sanctuary in silence.)*



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Stay with Me

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Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

This chant from Taizé intended for repeated singing is based on Jesus' request to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38 / Mark 14:34), a simple request they did not fulfill. When singing these words we need to hear in them an ongoing call to be alert and faithful.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1982
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
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STAY WITH ME
Irregular

576

Lord, Have Mercy



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990

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SINGAPORE

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.