

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 10, 2020
GOOD FRIDAY

ORGAN

Chorale Prelude on "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Dale Wood

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Michael Livingston

HYMN 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

Juan Jose Ibarra, baritone

FIRST PRAYER

Hsien-Yu Wang

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." - Luke 23: 33-34

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

HYMN 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

O sacred head, now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

Christopher Judd, baritone

SECOND PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Luke 23:39-43

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

THIRD PRAYER

Rev. Jim Keat

“He said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’” - John 19: 25b-27

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

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.

FOURTH PRAYER

Minister Derrick Jordan

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” - Matthew 27: 45-46

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Jack Cotterell, tenor

FIFTH PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Lamb

“I am thirsty.” - John 19:28

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

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

SIXTH PRAYER

Minister Charlene Wingate

“It is finished.” - John 19:29-30

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You;
I crucified You.

SEVENTH PRAYER

Amanda Meisenheimer

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” - Luke 23:46

SOLO

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Nicole Mitchell, mezzo-soprano

SILENT MEDITATION

The congregation departs in silence.

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