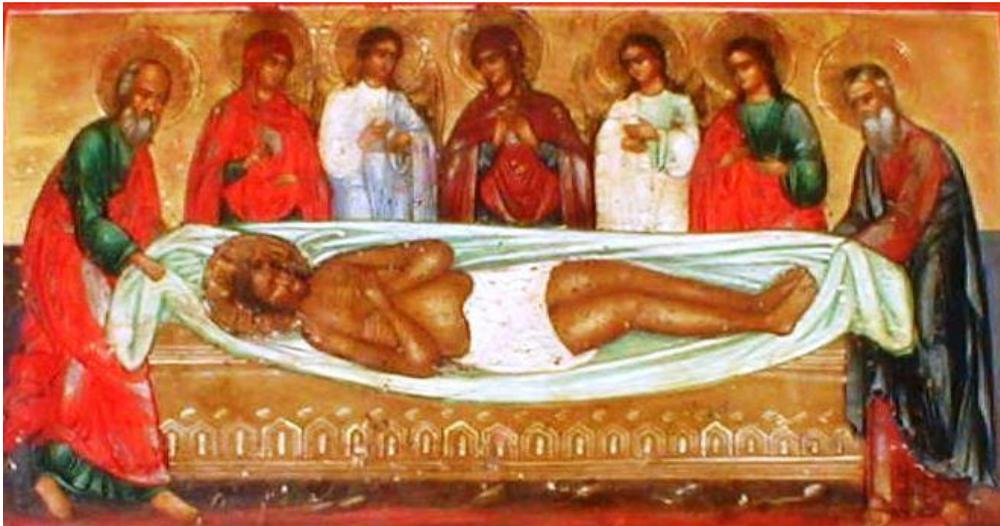


Order of Worship

April 19, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday



*UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF
LAKE RONKONKOMA*

*Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak, Pastor
Dr. Rex Enderlin, Choir Director*

(* *Indicates standing if possible*)

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE: “Vigilate et orate” --- *String Quartet*
Organist: Heather Edwards-Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: “O Domine Iesu Christe” --- *Chancel Choir & String Quartet*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, today the earth has lost its Light.

People: **Darkness wove a shroud for the sun.**

Leader: In grief God rends the temple's cloak.

People: **God's holy heart is breaking.**

Leader: My God, my God, what have we done?

People: **We've caused the death of God's own Son.**

Leader: We are your people, O God, all of us:

People: **Guilty, judged, seeking forgiveness.**

Leader: Accept our plea for mercy,

People: **For we offer it in the name of your Son, our crucified,
merciful Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN:** “Lamb of God” **FWS, #2113**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

John 19: 1 - 42 (p. 1683)

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face. ⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” ⁶ As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁷ The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.” ⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” ¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³ When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. ¹⁵ But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

“Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered. ¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: jesus of nazareth, the king of the jews. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did. ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, **“Woman, here is your son,”** ²⁷ and to the disciple, **“Here is your mother.”** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **“It is finished.”** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath.

Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

***PSALTER:** Psalm 22 with Musical Response #1 (p. 752-753)

SERMON: "The Betrayer"

ANTHEM: "At the Foot of the Cross" --- *Chancel Choir*

LITANY OF GOOD FRIDAY

Leader: Lord, when we feel sorry for ourselves and think we have sacrificed so much for others,

People: **Remind us of what you did for us on the cross.**

Leader: Lord, when our patience wears thin and we are ready to give up,

People: **Speak to us through the example of your endurance on the cross.**

Leader: Lord, when we get angry and feel like fighting back against those who would be our enemies,

People: **Help us remember your words to your enemies from the cross, “Father, forgive them.”**

Leader: Lord, when we are afraid to stand up for what is true and honorable,

People: **Strengthen us with the courage with which you went to the cross.**

Leader: Lord, when we come to the time of death,

People: **Uphold us with the assurance that life did not end for you on the cross.**

ALL: **Fill us with the hope of resurrection and new life which your cross continues to teach us each day. Amen.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SELF

OFFERTORY: “Domine Jesu Christ, qui in cruce” --- *Chancel Choir*

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH, #95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MEDITATION AT THE CROSS

***HYMN:** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” UMH, #297

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, out of your great love you willingly laid down your life so that we might be reconciled to you. We are awestruck by the extravagance of your gift and humbled by the magnitude of your love. We confess that we have failed to "go and do likewise." We have failed to love our neighbor, much less our enemy. We have failed to be salt and light, instead allowing worry, fear and busyness to dull and dim our senses to what you would have us do and be. We have failed to trust you, afraid that you might alter our agendas or require us to sacrifice our time or money. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our casual attitude toward the cross and our forgetfulness of what our sin really cost you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

Please take time to write your own confession of sins in the inserted blank piece of paper. When you finish writing, fold it and place it on the scapegoat which is placed in the middle of the altar. As a symbol of forgiveness of sins, those papers will be burned later.

ANOINTING

(Please come to the altar, if you so desire.)

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Were You There" UMH, #288

***SENDING OFF THE SCAPEGOAT**

***POSTLUDE:** "Salvator mundi" --- String Quartet & Flutist Debra Schild

***GO FORTH IN SILENCE** *(Please leave in respectful silence.)*

There will be no benediction. The Light of the world is lost in the darkness of death. With Jesus Christ dead, there is nothing more to be said.

Lector: Andrew Sinclair

Ushers: Charles Bornschein, Keith Bowes, Jim Pennise

Thank you to the String Quartet and Chancel Choir for sharing their musical gifts with us this evening.