

# CHRIST THE KING

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2020 7:30 PM

## Prelude

*Adoramus Te, Christe*  
CTK A Cappella Choir

*G.P. Palestrina*

*“We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;  
because by thy holy cross thou has redeemed the world  
He who suffered death for us,  
O Lord, O Lord, have mercy on us.”*

*The gospel is Christ crucified, His finished work on the cross. And to preach the gospel is publicly to portray Christ as crucified. The gospel is not good news primarily of a baby in a manger, a young man at a carpenter’s bench, a preacher in the fields of Galilee, or even an empty tomb. The gospel concerns Christ upon His cross. Only when Christ is ‘openly displayed upon his cross’ (neb) is the gospel preached.— John Stott on Galatians 3.1*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,  
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:  
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,  
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

## Call to Worship

Rev. Rick Downs

Leader: We gather in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation: **Who was and is and is to come.**

Leader: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Congregation: **Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

All: **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

— from *Isaiah 53*

## Invocation

## Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

## Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts;

Music: Gregorian Chant, arr. by Lowell Mason

F(D) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) F(D) C(A) F(D)

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

5 F(D) B(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D) C7(A7) F(D) C(A)

on which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
 save in the death of Christ my God;  
 sor - row and love pres - ent min - gled down;  
 that were a far too small;

9 F(D) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) F(D) C(A) F(D)

my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 all the vain things that charm me most,  
 did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

13 F(D) C7(A7) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em) C7(A7) F(D)

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## The Shadow of Betrayal

### Matthew 26:20-25

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

## Ah, Holy Jesus

Words: Johann Heermann;  
Music: Johann Crüger

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.

## The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest

### Matthew 26:36-50

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

### Musical Response

*It Is Finished*  
Cara and Jonathan Pardo

Stennett/Van Patter

## The Shadow of Denial

### Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

### Musical Response

*Larghetto*  
Amanda Holley

I. Stravinsky

## The Shadow of Accusation

### Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux;  
Music: Hans Leo Hassler, arr. by J.S. Bach

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down; now  
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ner's gain; mine,  
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend, for

scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown; O  
mine was the trans gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain. Lo,  
this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end? O

sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine! Yet  
here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place; look  
make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be, Lord,

though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

## The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

### Matthew 27:31-43

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

### Musical Response

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*  
Laura Bullock

T. Kelly



## The Shadow of Death

### Matthew 27:45-54

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

# Were You There?

# American Spiritual

1. Were you there when they cru ci fied my Lord? Were you  
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you

there when they cru ci fied my Lord?  
there when they nailed him to the tree?  
there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh!

Some times it caus es me to trem ble, trem ble, trem ble. Were you  
Were you  
Were you

there when they cru ci fied my Lord?  
there when they nailed him to the tree?  
there when they pierced him in the side?

## The Shadow of Burial

### Matthew 27:57-60

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

### Response

“Sarabande” from Cello Suite in C Minor, BWV 1011  
Amanda Holley

J.S. Bach

*May the cross be to me  
as the tree that sweetens my bitter Marahs,  
as the rod that blossoms with life and beauty,  
as the brazen serpent that calls forth the look of faith.  
By thy cross crucify my every sin;  
Use it to increase my intimacy with thyself;  
Make it the ground of all my comfort,  
the liveliness of all my duties,  
the sum of all thy gospel promises,  
the comfort of all my afflictions,  
the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces,  
the very essence of my religion;  
And by it give me that rest without rest,  
the rest of ceaseless praise. - from The Valley of Vision*