

The Day Our Lord was Crucified
St. Peter's Lischey's U.C.C.
Friday, April 2, 2021 - 7 PM

Prelude Music: O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

Hegarty

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Music Interlude: What Wondrous Love

Scripture: John 19: 31 - 42

Music Interlude:

- In the Garden
- Go to Dark Gethsemane
- Alas! and did My Savior Bleed
- When I survey the Wondrous Cross
- Rock of Ages

Reflection: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus: The Burial

Music Interlude:

- Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- The Old Rugged Cross
- Jesus Paid It All
- Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
- Were You There?

Confession:

ALL: God, how frayed our lives have become. We have not kept our eyes upon your saving cross nor listened with undivided attention to your voice. We have not accepted ourselves as persons for whom you died. Stretch our boundaries, stir our hearts, and inflame our souls in these remaining hours so that we may move from a spirit of abandonment to one of great joy, hope and fulfillment in your promise given us in our risen Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude: Come, Sweet Repose

Bach/Landon

Good Friday ~ Time of Individual Reflection
St. Peter's Lischey's U.C.C. - Friday, April 2, 2021 - 12 pm to 3 pm

You are invited to stay as long as you wish.

Please use this time and the scriptures below to reflect upon the sacrifice Jesus and God, his Father, have made for us. As you leave, please extinguish a candle on the table at the front of the sanctuary.

May this time bring you closer to God and our crucified Lord.

Friday by Ann Weems

The sky peels back to purple and thunder slaps the thighs of heaven,
and all the tears of those who grieve fly up to clouds
and are released and drench the earth.

The ones who see and hear know that all is lost.

The only One named Savior died upon a cross.

The ones who believed and loved huddle together stunned.

All night long the angels weep.

Luke 23: 33-34

When they came to the place that is called the Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Matthew 27: 45 - 46

"From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"

"I know God doesn't rescue us from pain, but I do believe God is present in our suffering. I believe this because of what I know about Jesus on Good Friday. The hope of the resurrection seems as cheap and fake, and silly as plastic Easter grass without Friday's suffering. I have not met the god who saves the world by awesome displays of power. Children die, people starve, the globe is warming disastrously. If there is a god who reaches us, I don't think it's the Almighty Sky God, but rather, the broken one, who gives up power for love." ¹

¹: Debbie Blue. *Calmly Plotting*. 2014 UCC Lent Devotional