

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Good Friday Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 22

- One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- All: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**
- One: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- All: To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**
- One: But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- All: All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me;
they wag their heads;
"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him,
for he delights in him!"**
- One: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- All: Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.**
- One: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet--
- All: I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**
- One: But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

The Seven Last Words of Christ

The Gospels record seven statements or "words" Jesus spoke from the cross. We consider them in turn, meditating on the love displayed through the suffering of his Son.

- We Sing: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

The First Word

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Scripture:

Luke 23:32-38

Response:

All:

**Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds
we are healed.**

We Sing:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

The Second Word

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Scripture:

Luke 23:39-43

Response:

All:

**Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds
we are healed.**

We Sing:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

The Third Word

“Woman, behold your son!” “Behold your mother!”

Scripture:

John 19:25-27

Response:

All:

**Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds
we are healed.**

We Sing:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

The Fourth Word

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Scripture:

Matthew 27:45-46

Response:

All:

**Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds
we are healed.**

We Sing:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

The Fifth Word

“I thirst.”

Scripture: John 19:28-29
Response:

**All: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds
we are healed.**

We Sing: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

The Sixth Word

“It is finished.”

Scripture: John 19:29-30
Response:

**All: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds
we are healed.**

We Sing: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

The Seventh Word

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”

Scripture: Luke 23:44-46
Response:

**All: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds
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Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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(repeat multiple times)

Darkness
