

Prelude
"Elegy" Charles Gounod

Welcome Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

Call to Worship

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Trinity Hymnal, No. 234

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" STORY OF JESUS

The Passion of the Christ According to Saint Matthew

1st Lesson – Matthew 26:30-35 Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

2nd Lesson – Matthew 26:36-46 Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

3rd Lesson – Matthew 26:47-56 Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Trinity Hymnal, 238

"My Dear Redeemer and My Lord" FEDERAL STREET

4th Lesson – Matthew 26:57-68 Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Council

5th Lesson – Matthew 26:69-75 Peter Denies Jesus

6th Lesson – Matthew 27:1-2 Jesus Delivered to Pilate

7th Lesson – Matthew 27:3-10 Judas Hangs Himself

8th Lesson – Matthew 27:11-14 Jesus Before Pilate

9th Lesson – Matthew 27:15-23 The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

10th Lesson – Matthew 27:24-26 Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

Anthem

"He Was Wounded" Antonio Vivaldi / arr. Hal H. Hopson

11th Lesson – Matthew 27:27-31 Jesus Is Mocked

12th Lesson – Matthew 27:32-44 The Crucifixion

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"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" MARTYRDOM

13th Lesson – Matthew 27:45-56 The Death of Jesus

Anthem

"Song of Sorrow" Patrick Liebergen

14th Lesson – Matthew 27:57-61 Jesus Is Buried

Scripture

John 19:38 – 42 ESV

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus^[a] by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds^[b] in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with

the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Sermon

“After These Things”

Prayer

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

15th Lesson – Matthew 27:62-66

The Guard at the Tomb

Worshippers may remain in place for a time of quiet reflection. They may begin to exit in silence when the side lights are raised.

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Order of Worship
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