

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)

Good Friday Service - March 30, 2018

12:00 PM

*Indicates those able may stand

When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.

PRELUDE "Ah, Holy Jesus" J. Brahms & H. Walcha
INVOCATION Dr. Timothy Witmer

*HYMN "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" #520

*RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 22:1-22

ONE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

ALL: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

ONE: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

ALL: Yet you are enthroned as the holy one; you are the praise of Israel.

ONE: In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

ALL: They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

ONE: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

ALL: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

ONE: "He trusts in the LORD; let the Lord rescue him.

ALL: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

ONE: Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

ALL: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

ONE: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

ALL: Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

ONE: Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

ALL: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

ONE: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

ALL: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

ONE: Dogs have surrounded me;

ALL: A band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

ONE: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

ALL: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

ONE: But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

ALL: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

ONE: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

ALL: I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

*HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #251

AFFIRMATION The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, Amen.

*HYMN "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" #254

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 page #613

MUSICAL OFFERING "Embrace the Cross" John G. Elliott
Mike McKeever

SERMON "Jesus before Pilate" Dr. Stuart Sacks

John 18:28–19:16

*HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #252

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Adagio for Strings” S. Barber

Easter Sunday Morning Worship
Festive Trumpets, St. Stephen Choir and Bell Choir
8:15 am and 10:30 am

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