

Good Friday Worship Service

March 29, 2024

6:30 PM

Enter in Silence

Welcome + Words of Orientation

Reading 1 – Matthew 26:36-46 The Garden of Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"





Reading 2 – John 18:1-5, 12-13 The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

18 After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" ⁵ They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. [...] ¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

Have Mercy

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Have mercy on me Have mercy on me O Lord, have mercy O Lord, have mercy

Reading 3 – Luke 22:54-62 Peter's Denial of Jesus

Oh, help my unbelief Oh, help my unbelief O Lord, have mercy O Lord, have mercy

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹ Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

Song of Reflection: "Doubting Thomas" - Nickel Creek

Reading 4 - John 18:28-38 Jesus Before Pilate

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The

Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³² (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

What Wondrous Love is This? – Hymn #212

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!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on and through eternity I'll sing on!

Reading 5 – John 19:1-6, 15-16 Jesus is Sentenced to Death

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."

¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Ah, Holy Jesus - Hymn #231 (verses 1 &2)

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended, that mortal judgement has on you descended? By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you? It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you!

Reading 6 – John 19:16b-19, 23-25a Jesus is Crucified

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the

top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – Hymn #221

O sacred head now wounded with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorn, 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.

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, and grant to me thy grace.

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 out-live my love to thee.

Reading 7 – Matthew 27:45-50 Jesus' Anguish and Death

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ 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?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Song of Reflection: My God, My God, Why? (Psalm 22)

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Reading 8 – Matthew 27:57-61 The Burial of Jesus

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Song of Reflection: Were You There? - Hymn #218

Leave in Silence

Thank you to our Leaders in Worship

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Drew Peterson <u>Pastor for Imaginative Worship:</u> Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford <u>Worship Leaders:</u> Lois Robertson, Nick Robertson, Carole Stuart, Karen Colvin <u>Audio/Video Technician:</u> Dave Colvin <u>Greeter:</u> Carole Stuart

Upcoming Schedule

Mar 29	Good Friday Knox Hosting Bethany	6:30 p.m.
Mar 29, 30	Stations of the Cross – Corbin Park	
Mar 30	Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage	8 a.m.
Mar 31	Easter Worship & Communion	11:30 a.m.
Apr 7	Worship & Communion	11:30 a.m.
	First Sunday! Fellowship Lunch	After Worship

Announcements

Stations of the Cross

Corbin Park Stations of the Cross will be March 29th & 30th. This is a selfguided walk of the 14 Stations of the Cross that begins at 416 W. Park Pl. and continues counter-clockwise around the sidewalk on Corbin Park. You are invited to participate in this reflective and prayerful Holy Week practice.

Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Invitation - THIS SATURDAY March 30th

You're invited to join in a global movement in Spokane this Saturday, walking in prayerful solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza. On Holy Saturday - a moment within the Christian tradition where we wait with grief, lament, and hesitant hope, people will walk in the effort to dismantle the strongholds of Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia that are on the rise in our communities. With the ultimate goal of a lasting, just peace for Israelis and Palestinians, folks will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (approximately 25 miles) through Greater Spokane on March 30, 2024. This pilgrimage mirrors the journey that so many in Gaza have been forced by violence to endure. Along the way, there will be sacred pauses which will be accessible across creeds and traditions. All are welcome.

First Sunday Fellowship Lunch - Mission & Discipleship Team

Next Sunday, April 7th, is our regular "first Sunday" fellowship lunch held after the worship service. Soup will be provided and we invite the congregation to bring side dishes (salad, bread, dessert) to supplement the meal.

Our Place Donations for April

In April, we are collecting canned fruit for Our Place Ministries. They would especially appreciate easy-open options, whether those are poptop cans or plastic-sealed individual containers (the kind you might put in sack lunches), but of course ALL canned fruit is helpful and welcomed!

Message from your Knox Clerk of Session:

Many of you know that Knox is seeking a new Clerk of Session for this important role in our church's ministry. It might sound like a daunting task, but I'm here to say that it is probably one of the most rewarding ways someone can serve our church. Honestly, I'm reticent about stepping down. It's been that good. God is opening up new doors for us in our postretirement Guatemala ministry that are calling us away too often. For anyone even slightly considering God's nudge to step into this role, be assured that you are surrounded and supported by pastoral and administrative staff at Knox, along with an awesome session, past clerks, and professionals in our presbytery that make this job more of a blessing than a task. And, if you act soon, I hope to pass along all my 'Session Clerks for Dummies' literature that were handed down to me, along with your very own, limited edition, official Reformerware John Knox coffee mug, a highly sought-after possession that is the envy of session clerks everywhere. Act now to avoid the rush! Let Pastor Drew know that this job is for you! Blessings, Richard Welch, Clerk of Session

Nursery Attendant

Knox is looking for a Sunday morning nursery attendant. We need someone who loves small children to spend time with our little ones during worship on the Sundays we have them with us. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact our office administrator, Jill Walters, by emailing admin@spokaneknoxpc.org.

Prayers

Richard Raymond

Continue to pray for Richard Raymond's health, and strength for Trudy as they navigate through this uncertain time. You can leave a prayer and follow their journey on Caring Bridge **by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR Code.**

Peace

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and everywhere there is war and violence.

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