

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. You prefer the worship of war, to work for division, to ignore the stranger and lift up your nation over others. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance. **R**

I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide. **R**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people, Israel, but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt. **R**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me. **R**

### **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **GOING FORTH**

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you, now and forever. Amen.

# Good Friday

April 15, 2022  
Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## GATHERING

*Gods of Pilate, you are loud and lazy, following the fashions of the day and making lies out of love and making mockeries of meaning. And - so often - we follow you. May we instead follow that small whisper, even when we barely hear it, even when we barely believe it, even when it hurts. Because this is what love is. This is what love is.*

~ Corrymeela Community

## GREETING

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

**That we might die to sin and our self-centeredness and live to faith and holy love.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty and all merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself and to your saving mercy. Grant that we, who trust in his life and find hope in his death, receive the joy of our salvation. Inspire us to glorify his call to take up our cross and follow him. In the name of Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN**            *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*            298

## SCRIPTURE LESSON    Hebrews 10:16-25

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## MUSIC

## PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

Mark 15

## SILENT MEDITATION

### THE REPROACHES: CHRIST'S LAMENT

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and merciful One, have mercy upon us. R**

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **R**

I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior. **R**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have mocked me, spat upon me and beaten me. **R**

I gave you my love and my life, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power to heal, but you have used it to hurt others and to hang me on the cross. **R**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword and build weapons and stockpile guns in order to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. **R**