

# *The First Presbyterian Church* *in the City of New York*

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## GOOD FRIDAY

April 15th, 2022 | 12 p.m.

*Good Friday proclaims the good news of salvation through the paradoxical suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through word, music, and silence, we hear and reflect on the Gospel writers' witness to the last words Jesus spoke at the time of his crucifixion.*

## GATHERING

*Worship begins in silence.*

## SOLEMN PROCESSION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,  
**who redeems us from sin and death.**

For us and for our salvation,  
Christ became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

### COLLECT

Let us pray: Merciful God,  
you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross.

Save us from hardness of heart,  
that, seeing him who died for us,  
we may repent, confess our sin,  
and receive your overflowing love,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### HYMN 226

“There in God's Garden”  
*stanzas 1-4*

SHADES MOUNTAIN

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

# MEDITATIONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

## THE FIRST WORD

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

### READING

Luke 22:39-23:34  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 87/large print, New Testament page 106*

### ANTHEM

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. B. E. Boykin  
—John 3:16

### MEDITATION

*Silent Reflection*

### HYMN 218

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

## THE SECOND WORD

“ . . .today you will be with me in Paradise.”

### READING

Luke 23:35-43  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 89/large print, New Testament page 108*

### ANTHEM

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine: O dulcis! O pie! O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.* William Byrd  
Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary. Truly suffering, was sacrificed on the cross for all; from whose pierced side flowed blood, be for us a foretaste in the final judgment. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen. —Sequence Hymn for the Feast of Corpus Christi

### MEDITATION

*Silent Reflection*

### HYMN 417

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

SOUTHWELL

## THE THIRD WORD

“Woman, here is your son.”

### READING

John 19:25b-27  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 114/large print, New Testament page 139*

### ANTHEM

African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? —African American spiritual

### MEDITATION

*Silent Reflection*

**HYMN 218**  
*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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

**READING**

Matthew 27:45-46  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 33/large print, New Testament page 40*

**ANTHEM**

Orlando Gibbons

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace. Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.  
—Phineas Fletcher

**MEDITATION**

*Silent Reflection*

**HYMN 212**  
*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

MARTYRDOM

THE FIFTH WORD  
“I am thirsty.”

**READING**

John 19:28-29  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 114/large print, New Testament page 139*

**ANTHEM**

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, where is now thy God? —Psalm42:1-3

**MEDITATION**

*Silent Reflection*

**HYMN 224**  
*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ROCKINGHAM

THE SIXTH WORD  
“It is finished.”

**READING**

John 19:30  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 114/large print, New Testament page 139*

**ANTHEM**

Marc Antonio Ingegneri

*O bone Jesu, miserere nobis, quia tu creasti nos, tu redemisti nos sanguine tuo pretiosissimo.*  
O good Jesus, have mercy upon us, for thou hast created us, thou hast redeemed us by thy most precious blood.  
—Latin hymn

**MEDITATION**

*Silent Reflection*

## THE SEVENTH WORD

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

## READING

Luke 23:44-46a

*pew Bible, New Testament page 89/large print, New Testament page 109*

## ANTHEM

*Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: Passus, et sepultus est.*

Antonio Lotti

He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: He suffered and was buried. —from The Nicene Creed

## MEDITATION

*Silent Reflection*

## HYMN 221

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

**REMEMBERING AND GOING FORTH**

## READING

John 19:31-42

*pew Bible, New Testament page 114/large print, New Testament page 139*

## HYMN 226

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

“There in God's Garden”

SHADES MOUNTAIN

*stanzas 5-6*

## TOLLING OF THE BELL

*The bell tolls thirty-three times — one toll for each year of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.**Worship ends in silence.***LEADING THIS AFTERNOON**Emma Gristch, *Seminary Intern*Rev. Dr. Derrick W. McQueen, *Pastor — St. James Presbyterian Church*Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

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Nadine Stewart

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