



Good Friday

April 18th, 2025

Please enter the sanctuary in silence.

The congregations of

Hope, El Sobrante
Shepherd of the Hills, Berkeley
University Chapel, Berkeley
&
Christ, El Cerrito

welcome you to this holy night,
this holy darkness.

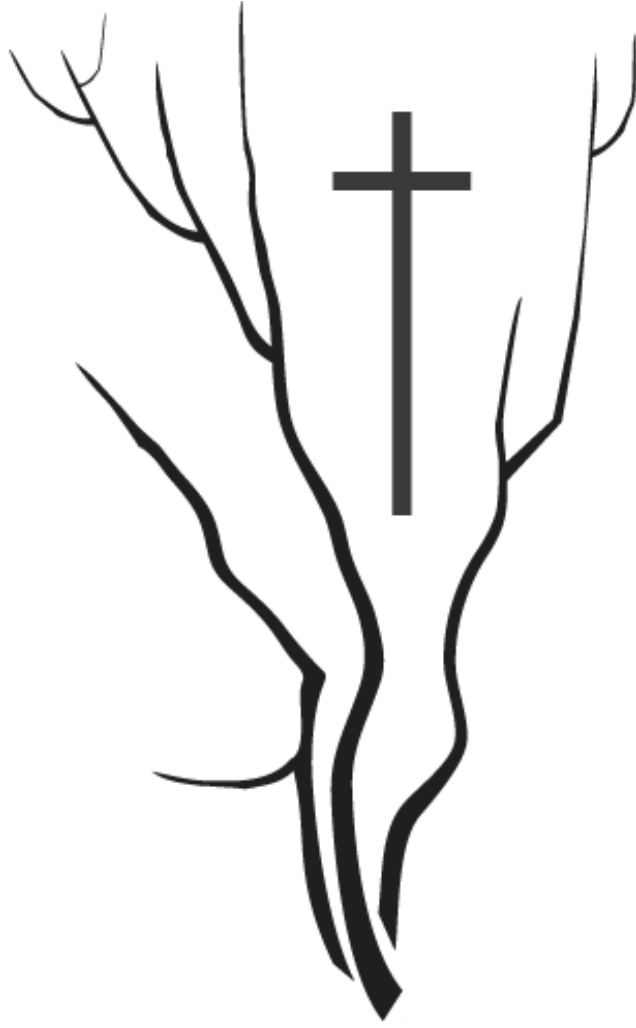
Tonight,
we continue the journey
through the Three Days of Jesus'
arrest, death, and resurrection.

At the heart of this night is the passion reading according to John,
which proclaims Christ's victory on the cross.

As Jesus draws all people to God,
we pray for the whole world for whom Christ died.

Finally, we honor the cross
as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation.
With all God's people we are invited to reverence
this mystery of faith.

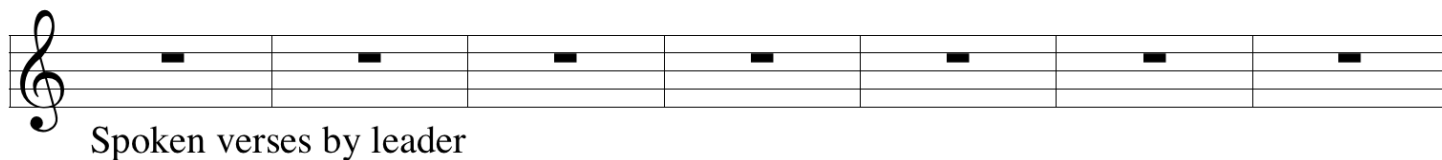
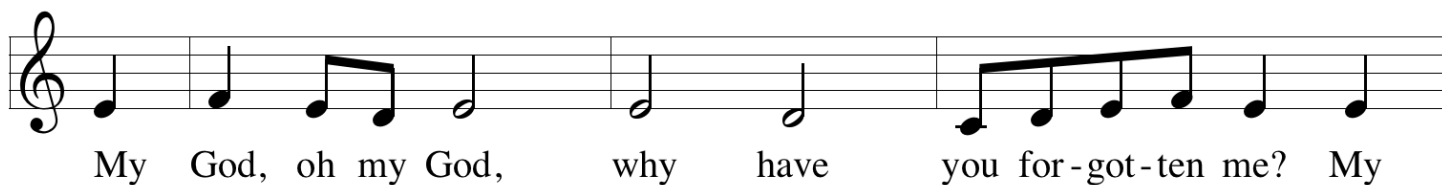
Christ has died,
so the world may live.





Opening Prayer

Psalm 22



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| <p>1 The dogs are closing in,
my mouth is dry; where is God in my despair,
so far from my cries?
Where is God?</p> | <p>2 Our ancestors put their trust in you
and you delivered them. I've been yours
since I was a baby. No, even before I was born,
even before then.</p> |
| <p>3 I am poured out like water;
my heart is melting. Please do not be
distant from me. O God, my strength!
Do you even hear me
call for your help?</p> | |



4 I will de-clare your name.
5 My soul will live for God

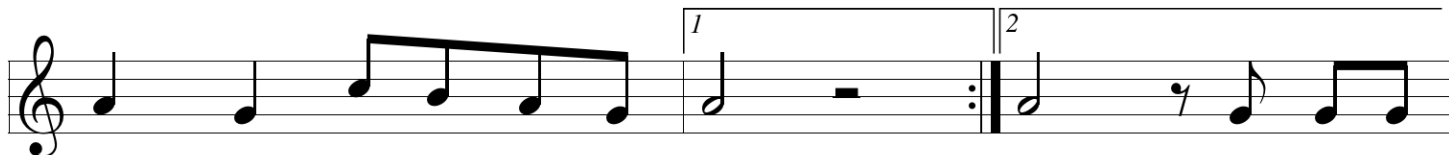
The poor will eat and for once be
and ev'ry-one will stand in awe of



sat - is - fied.
God's love.

Those who seek the Ho - ly One
My ... chil-dren's chil - dren,

shall lift their
and their



prais - es, lift their prais - es high.
chil - dren will be in God's

They will pro -
heart.



claim God's sav - ing love.

They will pro-claim God's sav - ing



love;

pro - claim God's sav - ing love,

pro -



claim God's sav - ing love,

pro-claim God's sav - ing love.

Reading

from "This Here Flesh" by Cole Arthur Riley

Gospel Acclamation

Please remain seated.



Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek - ing ref - uge, ex - iles



wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this

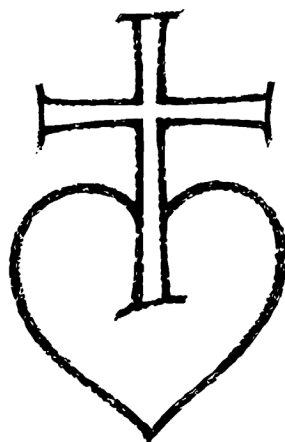


wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us

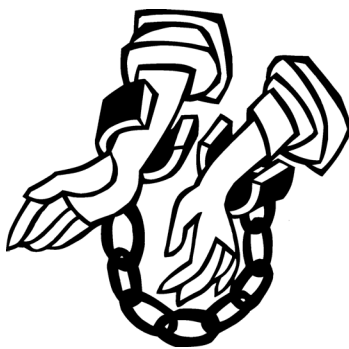


ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.

The Passion Reading with Hymn Responses



A False Arrest



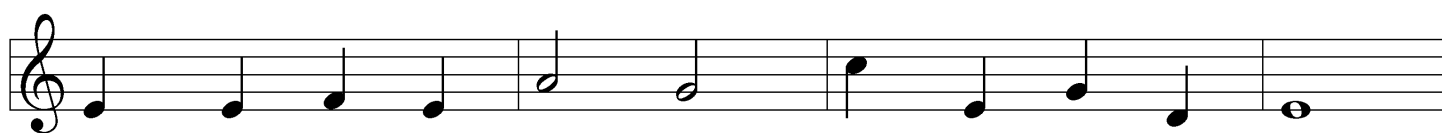
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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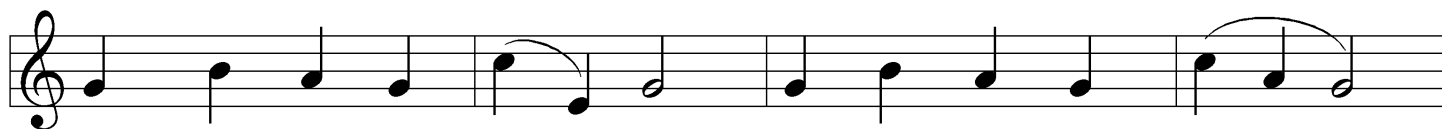
Peter's Shame



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,
3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,

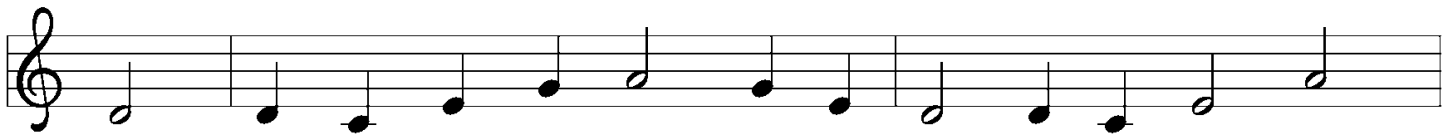


When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

A False Trial



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

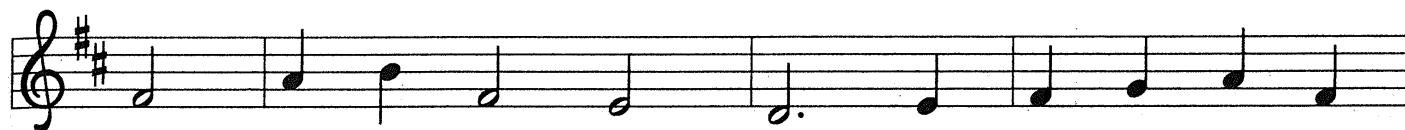


that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Brutality



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Selflessness



Choir Anthem “Crux Fidelis”, Steven C. Warner

Crux fidelis, cross of gladness
Tree on which our hope is hung
Let my arms be as your branches
Yours the song that must be sung

The Lord Jesus loved us and gave his life for us
Few of us shall be called to do the same
Yet all of us must lay down our lives along with his
Let the cross be our companion as we daily follow him

To strive for justice, even when stubbornness prevails,
to be one with the desperate of the world;
To stand with those who cry out when we can't bring relief;
let that hope be our companion as we daily follow him.

We keep before us that which our kindred had of old;
all the pain and the suffering of the cross.
Yet where that cross is planted, the seeds of hope endure:
Let that hope be our companion as we daily follow him.

A Sparse Funeral



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Al - mighty God. Ho - ly is the Lord Most High!"

Bidding Prayer

You are invited to kneel or sit.

A 4th century form of prayer that allows time for silent prayer after each request is announced (bid), and quickly became a Good Friday tradition.



Adoration of the Cross with Solemn Reproaches

The Solemn Reproaches are poetic prayers from the 9th century, written from God's perspective, that boldly exposes the severity of our brokenness.

Worshipers may now come forward to the large cross to light a candle and reverence the cross, which could be a silent prayer, kneeling, crossing oneself, etc.

Please take all the time you need.

At the conclusion, we continue...

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

By your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the
2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y shall ride in tri - umph
3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en, and yield - ed up to
4 But now, as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed



sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - 'ry stone shall
by; the palm shall strew its branch-es, and ev - 'ry stone shall
die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and ev - 'ry stone shall
high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - 'ry stone shall



cry. And ev - 'ry stone shall cry, and
cry. And ev - 'ry stone shall cry, though
cry. And ev - 'ry stone shall cry, for
cry. And ev - 'ry stone shall cry, in



straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har - bor
heav - y, dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the
hearts made hard by sin: God's blood up - on the
prais - es of the child by whose de - scent a -



heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine.
road - way to pave his king - dom come.
spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.
mong us the worlds are rec - on - ciled.

All depart in holy silence.



**Please join us tomorrow night at University Chapel, Berkeley
for the Vigil of Easter service at 9pm!
You won't want to miss this unique worship experience!**

And don't forget Easter Sunday right here at Christ at 10am!

