

# Redwood Area Ministerial Association Community Good Friday Service

March 30, 2018 ~ 12:05 pm

## Prelude

Elaine Hagen

## Call to Worship

Scott Prouty

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**P: who redeems us from sin and death.**

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

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

## Prayer of the Day

Scott Prouty

Merciful God, You gave Your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from the 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 #216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

### Prayer for Illumination

Brian Swedburg

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Responsive Reading

Psalms 22

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Brian Swedburg

## Gospel Readings

Mark 15:1-15

Ken Harmon

Mark 15:16-31

Gwen Bohlke

Mark 15:33-41

Tim Dean

Mark 15:42-47

Dennis Entinger

## Sermon

Bryant Kaden

### Solo "Nobody Cared"

Peggy Dolezal/Accompanist Karen Speros

## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pamela Prouty and Randy Koppen

Dear people of God, God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved, that all who believe in Him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with Him of eternal life.

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service, for all church leaders and ministers and the people whom they serve, for all Christians in this community.

Silence

Eternal God, by Your Spirit the whole body of Your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers which we offer before You for all members of Your holy church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve You; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Silence

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth. Let us pray for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace.

Silence

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, that God will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God's love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister their needs.

Silence

Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: For all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their faith, that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Eternal God of unchanging power and light, look with mercy on Your whole church. Bring to completion Your saving work, so the whole world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and all things brought to perfection by Him through whom all things were made, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (say the version that is your tradition)

### Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Ron Partridge: O my people, O my church, What have I done to you, or in what way have I offended you? Answer me. 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.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Shannon Wachter: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Marcus Kendall: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Ron Partridge: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Shannon Wachter: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on the high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Marcus Kendall: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scattered deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Ron Partridge: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Shannon Wachter: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and 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, and you have prepared a cross of your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

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Marcus Kendall: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**P: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

**Anthem "Were You There"** Ecumenical Choir: Directed by Peggy Dolezal/Accompanied by Elaine Hagen

**Depart in Silence**

### **Clergy Participants in Today's Service**

Gwen Bohlke is a retired Methodist pastor who often does pulpit supply.

Tim Dean is pastor at the Redwood Alliance Church.

Dennis Entinger is a pastor at Cornerstone Christian Church.

Ken Harmon is pastor at the Nazarene Church.

Bryant Kaden is a pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Marcus Kendall is a pastor at Cornerstone Christian Church.

Randy Koppen is pastor at the First United Methodist Church.

Ron Partridge is pastor at the Assembly of God Church.

Pamela Prouty is a parish associate at the First Presbyterian Church, hospice chaplain for the Redwood Area Hospital, and stated clerk for both the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Scott Prouty is pastor at the First Presbyterian Church.

Brian Swedburg is pastor at the Evangelical Free Church.

Shannon Wachter is a pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.