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OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2, 2021

Good Friday

Noon

Prelude

Opening Words

Britta Augdahl

We enter into a holy place through the new and living way Jesus Christ has opened for us.

We come as holy people- born of the grace of Jesus Christ, taken as Beloved.

Opening Prayer

Britta Augdahl

We stand near the cross, O God—disturbed, distraught, discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this day of great solemnity, let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Song No. 216 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (*on screens*)

¹Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Mary Koon

This brief litany is modeled after the Solemn Reproaches of the Cross, a Good Friday tradition that can be traced to the Middle Ages.

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

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My people, my people, why have you forsaken me? Answer me! I delivered you from captivity through the water of baptism; but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven; but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I claimed you as my family, as branches of my vine; but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I spoke to you my Word, the promise of my love for all; but you silence my prophets, refusing to hear my voice; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I gave you the keys to my realm and welcomed you inside; but you turn away strangers, closing the doors that I open; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion; but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Anthem

“When Jesus Wept”

Betrayal of Jesus

Scripture

John 18:1–11

Anne Fisher

Hymn No. 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (*on screens*)

**¹What 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!**

**²When I was sinking down, 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!**

**⁴And 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.**

Silence

Peter Denies Jesus

Reading

John 18:15–18, 25–27

Mary Koon

Hymn No. 218

“Ah Holy Jesus” (*on screens*)

¹Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

²Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

⁵Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Silence

Jesus Before Pilate

Reading

John 18:33–40

Britta Augdahl

Hymn No. 222

“Rejected and Despised” (*on screens*)

¹Rejected and despised by men
and women of our race,
he bears transgression's wounding weight
and anguish mars his face.
This Man of Sorrows, born to loss,
acquainted with our grief:
this Christ of God now crucified
astonishes belief.

²In all the victims of our age,
the battered and the bruised,
Christ lives again, alike with them
by human sin abused:
ascending on a cross to die,
descending into hell;
in torment, suffering, scorn, and pain,
we meet our God as well.

³Forgive us, Lord, as you forgave
with your expiring breath
the ones whose guilty hands, like ours,
required a guiltless death.
O mystery of such costly love,
O depth of grace revealed:
in scourge-marked flesh, we find our Christ,
and by his stripes are healed.

Silence

The Crucifixion

Reading

John 19:16b–19, 28–30

Anne Fisher

Tolling of the Bell

Anthem

“Were You There?”

Depart in silence

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: Becky Dop and David Hansen;

Organist: Nancy Hauser | Pianist: Judy Cooper;

Sound, Light, Video: Randy Dop, Greg Johnson and Bob Gerdes

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 3 (3–4:00 pm)

Eggs will be hidden outside on church grounds so children do not bunch up. Bring your bags and baskets and we'll find colorful eggs! Masks will be required.

Easter Services: Sunday, April 4 (6:45 am | 10:45 am)

There will be a sunrise service at 6:45 am on the church grounds in addition to our usual 10:45 am live-streamed service. It will be a time of prayer, scripture and poetry. Masks and social distancing will be required. If you would like to attend, we kindly ask that you RSVP so that we know how to set up the space. The service will happen rain (or snow!) or shine. Please email the church (ogpc@oakgrv.org) to let us know that you are coming.

Office Closed: Monday, April 5

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 5 in observance of Easter.

Holy Humor Sunday: April 11

Families are asked to send in (horizontal/landscape) videos of children telling jokes! Please send your video to Mary (mkoon@oakgrv.org) or Sue (sgjerset@oakgrv.org) by Wednesday, April 7. We hope to collect a bunch of jokes for this special Sunday!

Youth Shredding Event: Saturday, April 17 (10 am to noon)

With the purchase of one ticket for \$20, you can fill two paper grocery bags with any old or unneeded documents containing personal information. Bring the filled bags to Oak Grove and watch as your bags are securely shredded. This event will support Oak Grove Presbyterian Church Youth!

Save the Date! Sunday, May 9

Come celebrate all the color Anne Fisher has brought to our congregation with a special drive-thru on Sunday, May 9 after the 10:45 a.m. service. There will be cake – what else could there be – and a chance to thank Anne for all her leadership through this unique journey.

Bring one flower with you to contribute to a bouquet for Anne. Let's see how many vases we can fill up. Look for an email with more details. For questions, call Jane Propsom at 612-723-0592.

PALMS & PANCAKES DRIVE-THRU

It was a joy to see so many familiar faces through the car windows at our Palm Sunday drive-thru! Parking lot palms and pancakes made this day extra special. Big thanks as well to everyone who showed up to support our youth!

