



The American Church in Paris
Good Friday Service of Worship
2 April 2021



WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The congregation's spoken words are in **bold**

Welcome

Jodi Fondell

Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 53:1-6, 10-12)

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

He grew up like a sapling before us, like a root out of arid ground.

He had no majesty or beauty to make us look at him, no charm to attract us.

He was rejected and despised by others; he knew suffering in his heart.

Yet he bore our illnesses and our suffering.

We thought he was being punished by God,

but he was being wounded by our transgressions.

He bore a punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we were healed.

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,

but the Lord laid upon him the punishment of us all.

By making an offering of himself, he protects his descendants and prolongs his days.

Through him, the purposes of the Lord will prosper.

Therefore, he will have a reward among the great, for he poured himself out to death.

He interceded for the weak and bore the punishment of many.

Our Confession of Sin (Based on Psalm 51:1-4; 9-12; 16-17)

Odette Lockwood-Stewart

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

**Cast us not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

A Moment for Silent Confession

As you hear our prayers,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

**If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk in darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins,
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Anthem

Sic luceat lux vestra

Fred Gramann

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

Ensemble Lumina Caroline Drury, *director* Niamh Murphy, *soloist*

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

The Solemn Reproaches is an ancient text of Western Christendom dating back to the ninth century. It is most often associated with the Good Friday Service of Worship. The reproaches follow the pattern of Psalm 78, which rehearses God's continuing acts of faithfulness and our repeated rebellion.

Reader: Jörg Kaldewey

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what 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. 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.

Music Cantique Nadia Boulanger
Caroline Drury, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *organ*

Reader: Tinu Kaldewey

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. I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment 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.

Music At the River arr. Aaron Copland
Philip James Glenister, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

Reader: Jörg Kaldewey

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

Music How Deep the Father's Love for Us Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
Devon Graves, voice and *guitar* Natalie Raynal, *voice*

Reader: Tinu Kaldewey

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. 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 for your Savior.

Music En Prière Gabriel Fauré
Jennifer Young, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

Reader: Jörg Kaldewey

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, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. 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.

Reading - Matthew 27:33-50 Peter DeWit

Meditation Sabachthani Doug Fondell

Musical Response Crucifixus Antonio Lotti
Ensemble Lumina Caroline Drury, *director*

Reading - Matthew 27: 57-60 Doug Fondell

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