



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light
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“There are many things that shall have to be accomplished if a genuine theology and praxis of stewardship is to take its appropriate place in the church today. But this is the basic necessity, the “bottom line”: the resurrection faith of the people of the cross must mean, quite concretely, that this world must not be abandoned; that this world is worth all the care and love and sacrifice that we can devote to it.”

Douglas John Hall

The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age

**The Worship of God
Good Friday**

March 30, 2018

12:15pm

WELCOME TO THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence this afternoon. Third Church strives to be a faithful, open and inclusive congregation. We are a diverse people united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. We invite all who are seeking to live a life of Christian faith and discipleship to join us. If you are new to Third Church, the following information may be helpful.

Parking on Sunday Mornings: Street parking is possible on both sides of East Avenue. On Sundays, the Arnold Park parking lot is available for handicap parking only. Other parking is available in the Meigs Street parking lot and can also be found at:

- Jewish Community Federation (Sibley Place)
- American Association of University Women
- Rochester Area Community Foundation

In the event of a **Medical Emergency**, please notify an usher or staff member. An AED and first aid supplies are located in the hallway between the sanctuary and elevator.

Hearing Assistance: The Chapel and Sanctuary are equipped with induction loop systems. Use the "T-switch" of your hearing aid. If you have difficulty hearing during the worship service, please speak with an usher immediately.

An Elevator is located at the Parish House-Education Building junction to assist in accessibility.

Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are available from the ushers. Hymnals and Bibles are located in the pew racks.

Pastoral Care needs and prayer concerns may be communicated to Martha Langford.

More about Membership: If you are interested in joining Third Church, or just want to know more, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org). The next Exploring Membership luncheon will take place on Sunday May 6 at 12:00pm.

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and by the Arnold Park entrance, and on the church website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 100).

A WORD ABOUT THIS CHURCH

THIRD CHURCH participates in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Commitment to Peacemaking. Our intention is to pursue avenues of peace and justice for ourselves, our families and communities, for all people in the world in which we live. We seek to be agents of reconciliation.

THIRD CHURCH has joined with other Presbyterian congregations in declaring ourselves to be a "More Light" church. We are committed to the full participation of all persons in our church community without regard for sexual orientation, personal background or human condition.



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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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Preparation for Worship

We come to worship from a busy and noisy world. As we prepare to offer ourselves in praise and adoration of God, it is important that we step back from our preoccupations and focus our thoughts on God. We ask that you please silence or turn off all electronic devices. As the music begins, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE “Erbarm’ dich, mein Gott,” BWV 721 J.S. Bach
(Have mercy, Lord, my God)

CALL to WORSHIP based on Philippians 2:8

LEADER: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God —

PEOPLE: **Who redeems us from sin and death.**

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

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

*HYMN 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ROCKINGHAM

*GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. May we repent, confess our sin and receive your overflowing love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOLO “Agnus Dei” J.S. Bach
(from *Mass in B minor*) Caroline Nielson, *alto*

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Isaiah 53:1-9, 12

Pew Bible, OT page 94

THE PASSION of OUR LORD

John 18:1-12

Pew Bible, NT page 112

Silence

HYMN 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus” (stanza 1)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

John 18:28-40

Pew Bible, NT page 112

Silence

HYMN 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus” (stanza 2)

John 19:1-16

Pew Bible, NT page 113

Silence

HYMN 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus” (stanza 3)

John 19:17-27

Pew Bible, NT page 113

Silence

HYMN 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus” (stanza 4)

John 19:28-30

Pew Bible, NT page 114

Silence

HYMN 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus” (stanza 5)

John 19:31-42

Pew Bible, NT page 114

Silence

SOLO

“Erbarme dich, mein Gott“

(“Have mercy, Lord, my God“ from *St. Matthew Passion*)

J.S. Bach

Caroline Nielson, *alto*
Sarah Berger, *violin*

Erbarme dich, mein Gott, um
meiner Zähren willen! Schau
hier, Herz und Auge weint vor
dir bitterlich.

*Have mercy, Lord, my God, let
Thou my tears persuade Thee.
Look on me, how my heart
doth weep for Thee bitterly.*

-translation by Henry S. Drinker

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SOLEMN REPROACHES of the CROSS

O my people, O my church
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Testify against 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.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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,
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.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

***HYMN 221 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

PASSION CHORALE

All depart in silence.

This afternoon we will receive an offering to support One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering plates are available as you depart.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS AFTERNOON'S SERVICE

- Ernest Krug, Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, John Wilkinson Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
- Janet Davies..... Usher

Stations of the Cross at ROC SALT Mission TODAY

Friday March 30, 9:00am – 7:00pm

All are invited to participate in an interactive Stations of the Cross prayer experience at ROC SALT (68 Ashland St).

Sunday, April 1, *EASTER*

6:30am Ecumenical Sunrise Service, CRCDS

9:00am and 11:15am, Festival Easter worship, Sanctuary



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