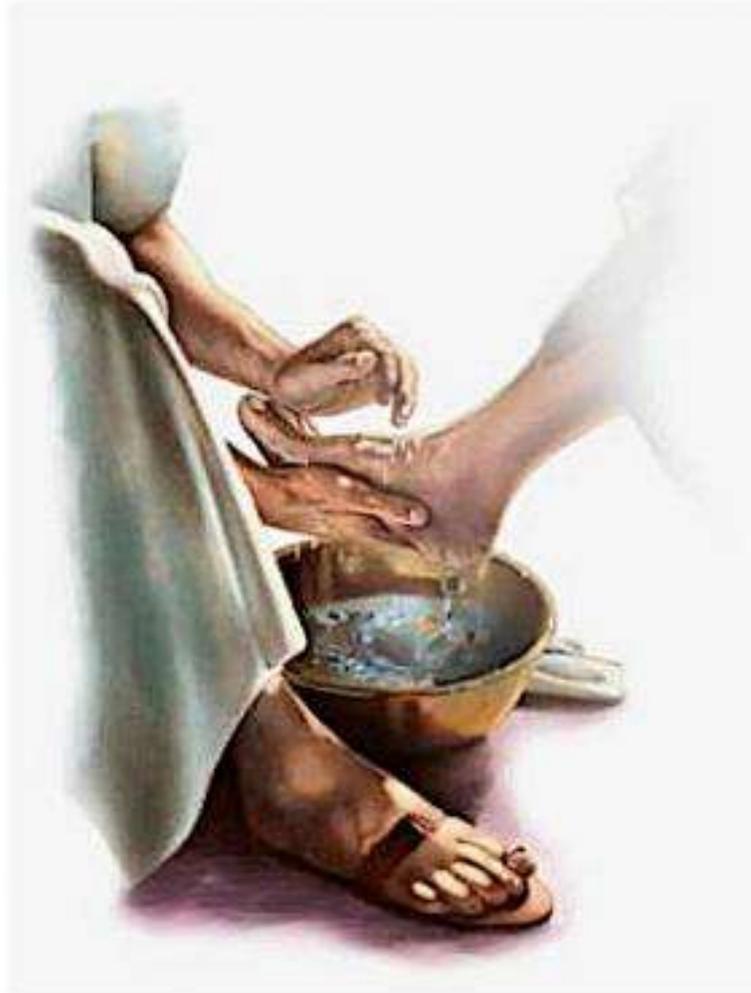


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

Minister: Rev. Chris Houtz



Maundy Thursday

We request that you silence all electronic devices **before** service begins.

****Please rise in body or spirit.***

Thursday, April 1, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Dramatic Reading: The Last Supper

Narrator	Rev. Chris Houtz
Peter	Elder Betsy Christensen
Judas	Elder Andrea Harrison
Disciple 1	Christopher Bolton
Jesus	Ron Stamboly
Disciple 3	Rose Ann (Cookie) Anthony

HYMN DURING READING #738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (vs. 1)

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Beloved people of God:

This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

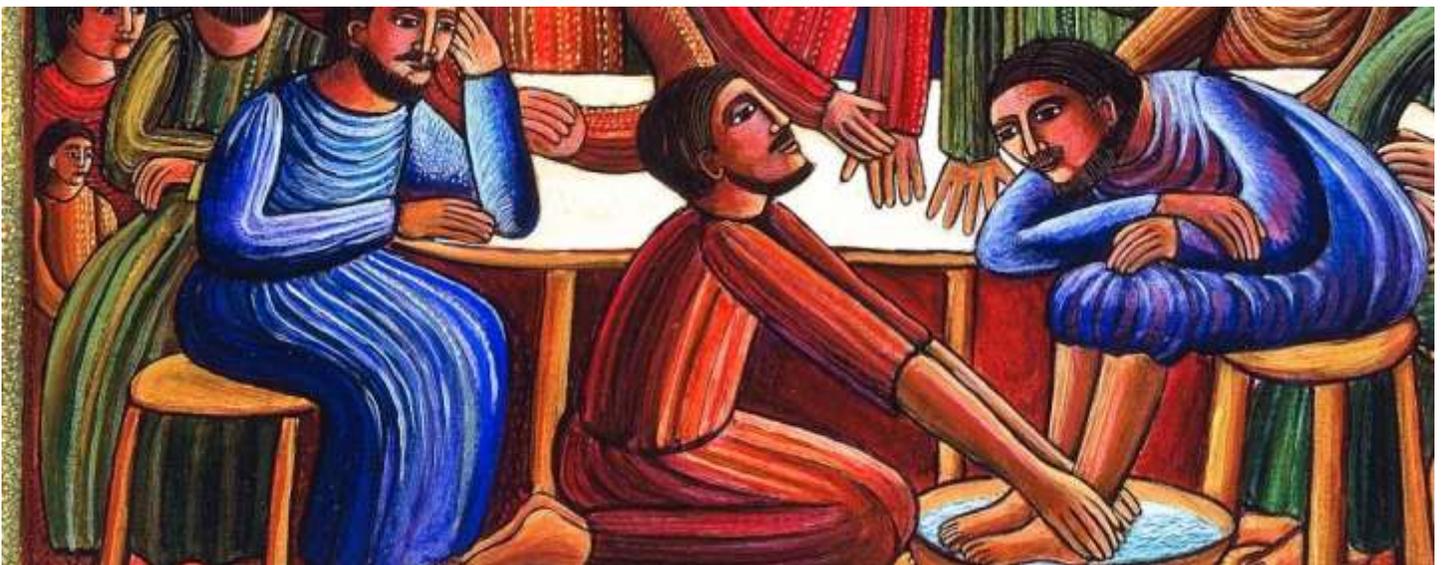
This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #206

This Is the Night



John August Swanson (American - California) 1999

This Is the Night

Capo 1: (Em) (D) (Em) (D)

Fm Eb Fm Eb



1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
 2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
 3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
 4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
 5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,

(Em) (C) (G) (Am) (C) (Bsus) (B7)
 Fm D# A# Bbm D# Csus C7



when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
 be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
 blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
 he who de - stroy's our slav - er - y to sin;
 that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Am) (Em) (Bm7)
 A# Eb#sus Eb Bbm Fm Cm7



the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
 the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing;
 this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
 ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
 let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row

(C) (Am7) (Em) (Am7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
 D# Bbm7 Fm Bbm7 Fm Cm7 Fm



where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
 sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
 and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
 that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
 to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

Dramatic Reading: Peter's Denial

Narrator	Rev. Chris Houtz
Witness 1	Joshua John
Witness 2	Christopher Bolton
Priest 1	Elder Sue Figueroa
Jesus	Ron Stamboly
Elders	Elder Sue Figueroa Joshua John Christopher Bolton
Women	Rose Ann (Cookie) Anthony
Priest 3	Christopher Bolton



Artist: Vicente Mansala (Filipino), 1963

ANTHEM ENDING READING

Remember Me (by Deborah Governor)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Dramatic Reading: Jesus Before Pilate

Narrator	Rev. Chris Houtz
Judas	Elder Andrea Harrison
Priest 3	Christopher Bolton
Jeremiah	Joshua John
Pilate	Elder Sue Figueroa
Pilate's Wife	Rose Ann (Cookie) Anthony
Crowd	Congregation



Artist He Qui (Chinese) 2007

**When Pilate says, "Which of these two do thou want me to release for you?" The congregation cries out, "Barabbas! Barabbas! Barabbas!"*

**Pilate then says, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" The congregation cries out, "Let him be crucified! Death! Crucify him!"*

**Pilate responds, "Why, what evil has he done?" The congregation cries out, "Let him be crucified! Away with him! Crucify him!"*

**Pilate says, "I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves." The congregation cries out, "His blood be on us! On us and our children!"*

HYMN ENDING READING #221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines of each system.

Dramatic Reading: The Crucifixion

Narrator
Soldiers

Rev. Chris Houtz
Everyone

**Narrator ends first line with, "They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him." The congregation responds, "Hail, King! Hail King of the Jews!"*



Marly Desir (African) – 2013

HYMN ENDING READING #218

Ah, Holy Jesus

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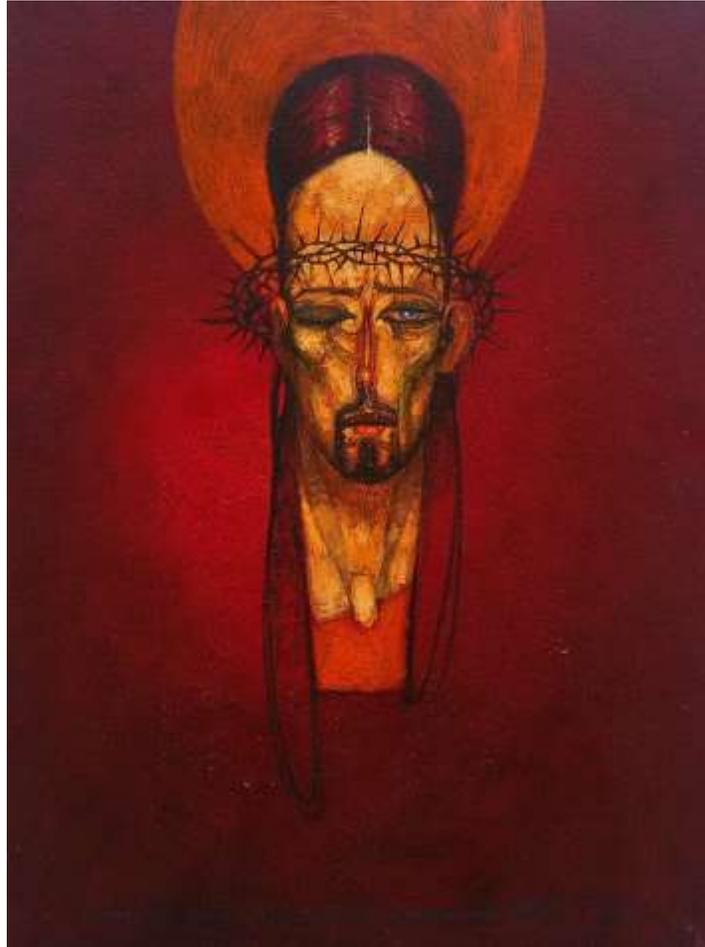
1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Dramatic Reading: The Mockery

Narrator	Rev. Chris Houtz
Priest 1	Elder Sue Figueroa
Priest 2	Joshua John
Priest 3	Christopher Bolton
Jesus	Ron Stamboly



Hrvoje Marko Peruzović (Croatian) 2014

HYMN DURING READING #228

Were You There?

Were You There

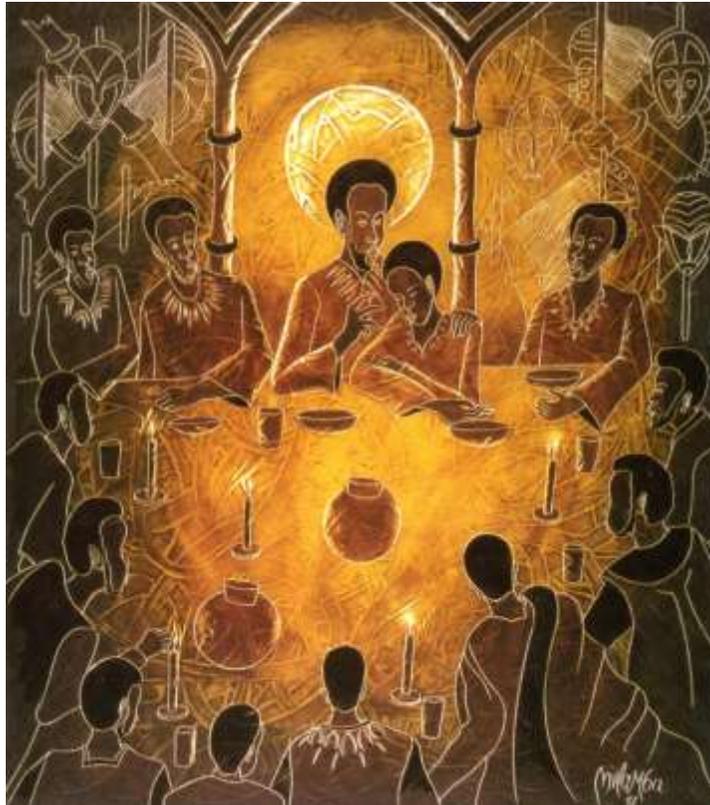
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you
 4 Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine? (Were you
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

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 there?) Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 there?) Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine?
 there?) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Some-times it caus - es me to

trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

The Invitation to Communion



Joseph Mulamba-Mandangi (Congolese), *The Last Supper*, 1997.

THE OFFERING

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord said to Moses: This shall be a day of remembrance for you, you shall celebrate it is a festival of the Lord.

Paul says to the Church: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You made us in your image, and freed us from the bonds of slavery. You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. When we forgot your covenant you spoke through prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sign to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be
to our God forever and ever!**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In humility he descends from your heights, to kneel in obedience to love's commands. He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin. He who is free takes our place in death's prison. He who is risen leads us to eternal life.

We remember with thanksgiving our Lord's Passover meal, shared with his closest friends, in which he took the bread and blessed it, broke it open, and gave it to them, saying: *This is my body. Take and eat it, remembering me.* We remember how he took a cup, saying: *This is the new covenant in my blood. Drink it, all of you, and remember me.*

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

According to Christ's commandment:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands. Bound to Christ, set us free for joyful obedience and glad service. As Jesus gave his life for ours, help us to live our lives for others with humility and persistent courage. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

The cup of blessing that bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Dramatic Reading: The Burial

Narrator

Rev. Chris Houtz

Priest 4

Elder Betsy Christensen

Pilate

Elder Sue Figueroa

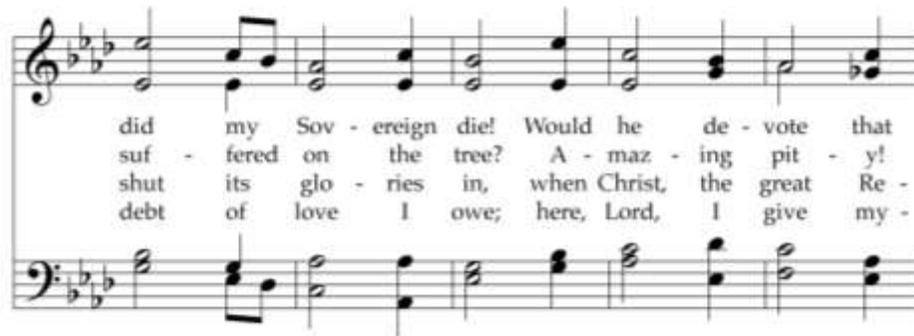


Julius Schnoor von Carolsfeld (German) 19th century

212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and
2 Was it for sins that I have done he
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and
4 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the



did my Sov - ereign die! Would he de - vote that
suf - fered on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
shut its glo - ries in, when Christ, the great Re -
debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I!
Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
deem - er, died for hu - man crea - tures' sin,
self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

(Please leave the sanctuary in silence)

Good Friday Service

3:00 pm

In sanctuary and Live Stream