

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 22

Reader Let us read from Psalm 22 responsively.

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
**and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?**
- ²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- ³Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- ⁴Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- ⁸“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- ⁹Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- ¹³They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- ¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
**they pierce my hands and my feet,
I can count all my bones.**
- ¹⁷They stare and gloat over me; *
**they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**
- ¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- ¹⁹Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰Save me from the lion’s mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

- ²¹I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- ³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:16-25

Reader A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

After the Holy Spirit says, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Note: The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The Passion Gospel: John 19:1-37

Reader The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

The congregation stands, as able, at the mention of Golgotha.

¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Michele Baker-Wright

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in singing.

Hymn
Were You There?

Spiritual, arr. Melva Wilson Costen
Presbyterian Hymnal #102



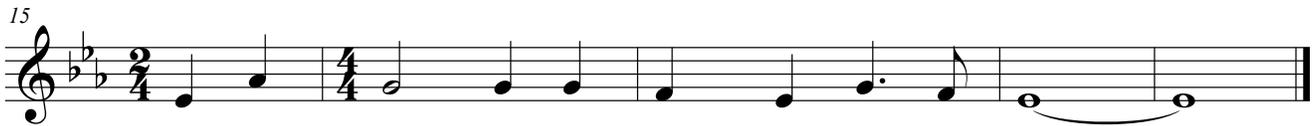
Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? ____
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? ____
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? ____
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? ____



— Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! ____
— Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh! ____
— Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh! ____
— Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! ____



— Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
— Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
— Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
— Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? ____
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? ____
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? ____
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? ____

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Please kneel or sit as able.

The Solemn Collects

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son 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 everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service,
For all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve,
For John, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese,
For all Christians in this community,
For those about to be baptized,

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Donald, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation,
For those who have lost their faith,
For those hardened by sin or indifference,

For the contemptuous and the scornful,
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples,
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others,

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Anthem 1

“The Lamb”

by Mark Bennett

Susan Tsuji, tenor, Kevin Wood, baritone, Mark Bennett, bass

Refrain:

Little lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee.

Gave the life and bid thee feed. By the stream and o’er the mead;

Gave thee clothing of delight. Softest clothing wooly bright;

Gave thee such a tender voice. Making all the vales rejoice;

Refrain

Little lamb I’ll tell thee, Little lamb I’ll tell thee;

He is called by thy name. For He calls Himself a lamb;

He is meek and He is mild. He became a little child;

I a child and thou a lamb. We are called by His name;

Little lamb, little lamb, little lamb God bless thee.

Anthem 2

“He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”

Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood, LEVAS II #33

They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin’ word;

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed Him to a tree, and He never said a mumbalin’ word;

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin’ word;

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Jill Lynch, soprano

The blood came streamin’ down, and He never said a mumbalin’ word;

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Kevin Wood, baritone

He hung His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin’ word;

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Combined Choirs

The Lord’s Prayer

Minister And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Final Prayer

Minister Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The service is concluded. Please exit the church in silence.

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