

A Service of Music for Good Friday

April 6, 2012
8 o'clock in the evening

*All who are able please stand

PRELUDE

Tryptique Symphonie: Fugue

*Mark Swicegood, guest organist
Pierre Cochereau*

SILENT PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to this place apart to pray; God, who has given us life, meets us here.

People: Will God be revealed to us on this dark day? Has not God turned away and forsaken us?

Leader: Come, all who are weary and discouraged; God, whom you have trusted, has not deserted you.

People: Will God hear our cries and replenish our strength? Who can believe in the midst of such sorrow?

Leader: Come, all who have laid loved ones to rest; God, who grieves with us, watches with us now.

People: Will God's promise of new life be realized? How shall we know the truth, when Trust is crucified?

***HYMN**

When My Love to God Grows Weak

Pilgrim (Red) Hymnal 162

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:1-33

The Seven Last Words of Christ (Les Sept Paroles du Christ)

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano
Christopher Pfund, tenor
Vasil Golodinskii, bass
Mark Swicegood, organist
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, conductor

Introduction

[*Lamentations 1:12*]

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite, et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

O all ye who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me; was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow?

[*Ruth 1:20*]

Posuit me Dominus desolatam, totâ die mœrore confectam; ne vocetis me Nœmi, sed vocate me Mara.

For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me. Call me now no more Naomi, from today call me Mara.

First Word

[Luke 23:34]

Pater, dimitte illis, non enim sciunt, quid faciunt.
Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

[Matthew 26:66]

Et dicebant omnes: Reus est mortis;
And the people clamor'd: He is death-guilty;

[Mark 15:13]

tolle, tolle, crucifige eum.
take him, take him, let us crucify him!

[Matthew 27:25]

Sanguis ejus super nos et super filios nostros!
Be his blood on us, and on our children!

[Luke 23:33]

Crucifixerunt Jesum et latrones, unum a dextris et alterum a sinistris.
Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves, one at His right hand, the other at His left hand.

Second Word

[Luke 23:43]

Hodie mecum eris in Paradiso, amen, amen, dico tibi.
Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me. Amen, so I tell thee.

[Luke 23:42]

Domine, memento meî cum veneris in regnum tuum.
Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Third Word

[John 19:26-27]

Mulier, ecce filius tuus.
See, O woman! Here behold thy son beloved.

[From *Stabat Mater Dolorosa*, 13th century hymn]

Stabat Mater dolorosa
Juxta Crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendebat Filius.
Quis est homo, qui non fleret,
Christi Matrem si videret
In tanto supplicio?
*See yon mother, bow'd in anguish
Who beside the cross doth languish,
Where on high her son is borne;
Is there mortal, who not feeleth
To behold her where she kneeleth,
So woeful, and all forlorn?*

Fourth Word

[Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34]

Deus meus, ut quid dereliquisti me?
God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?

[Based on the *Book of Lamentations, Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday*]

Omnes amici mei dereliquerunt me; praevaluerunt insidiantes mihi; tradidit me quem diligebam.

All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me, and they that hate me do now prevail against me; and he whom I have cherished, he hath betray'd me.

[From *Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday*]

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi; quomodo conversa es in amaritudine ut me crucifigeres?

Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted: wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness, that I by thee am crucified?

Fifth Word

[*John 19:28*]

Sitio!

I am athirst!

[*Mark 15:29-30*]

Judaei praetereuntes blasphemabant eum, moventes capita sua et dicentes: Vah! Qui destruis templum Dei, sit tu es Christus, Filius Dei, descende nunc de cruce, ut videamus et credamus tibi. Si tu es rex Judeorum, salvum te fac.

And the Jews then passing by him, all did rail upon him, and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him: Ah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father, now from the cross descend thou, that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it. If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then!

Sixth Word

[*Luke 23:46*]

Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.

Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul.

[*Psalms 89:26*]

Pater meus es tu, Deus meus, susceptor salutis meae.

For Thou art my God and my Father; Thou art my Saviour.

Seventh Word

[*John 19:30*]

Et clamans Jesu voce magna dixit: Consummatum est!

And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming: "It is finished!"

[*Luke 23:44*]

Erat autem fere hora sexta; obscuratus est sol, et tenebrae factae sunt in universam terram; velum temple scissum est; omnis terra tremuit;

And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened, and darkness covered the earth, until about the ninth hour; and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake;

[From *Matthew 27:32*]

Petrae scissae et monumenta aperta sunt.

And the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide.

[Prayer from the *Stations of the Cross*]

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi.

Quia per sanctam Crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever; for on the holy cross has thou the world from sin redeemed.

Two Readings from *The Stations of the Cross* by Paul Claudel (translated by Rev. John J. Burke, CSP)

Pat Larrabee

Thirteenth Station – *Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross*

The Passion ends. Mercy, its fruit, forever reigns. Down from the cross, He lies within His mother's arms – Calvary perfected her will of Nazareth. The Christ Who, lifted up, bore openly the shame, His mother takes once more alone unto herself. And in those arms the Church guards well her well-beloved. What God sent forth, what Mary gave, what man has done – All, all is now within her heart forevermore. She holds Him, sees and weeps, and in her tears adores. She cerement and ointment is, and tomb and myrrh; Altar and priest alike; chalice and cenacle. The tabernacle door is gateway to the cross.

Fourteenth Station – *Jesus Is Placed In the Sepulchre*

That tomb wherein the suffering Christ, now dead, was laid, That sepulchre unsealed in haste that He might sleep Before He rose again and with His Father reigned, Is not a mere new burial-place – 'tis our own flesh, 'Tis man, your creature, Lord, more one with Thee than earth. Thy heart is open and Thy hands are deeply pierced; Thou hast received, endured our bodies' every pain. No sin but is o'erreached by Thy almighty wounds. From altar here where Thou dost hide Thyself, come, Lord! Our hearts are open thrown. Come, Lord, and fill their depths.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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At the rear of the Meetinghouse, there will be offering plates if you wish to consider a contribution to the music program of First Congregational Church.

Please join us for our Easter Sunday Celebration beginning at 6:15 am with a Sunrise Service at Greenwich Point, and continuing at 9:00 and 11:00 am with Festival Services in the Meetinghouse, including choirs, brass and timpani (prelude begins at 8:45 and 10:45 am, respectively); child care available.

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