A Service of TENEBRAE for GOOD FRIDAY



MARCH 29, 2024 7PM

SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Welcome to Worship at Seattle First Baptist. All are Welcome.

Children are a treasured part of our community.

Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyer.

Children are free to use these resources in the pews or the Wiggle Room.

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, past and present.

With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the legacy of the First People of Seattle, the Duwamish Tribe.

May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today.

And may we, through God's Spirit, repent and walk forward together,

changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.

*If it is comfortable, you are invited to stand.

Prelude

"Adagio for Strings," Op. 11 SAMUEL BARBER/*arr*. WILLIAM STRICKLAND

Christian Broughton

Welcome and Invocation

Pastor Anita Peebles

Poem by Malcolm Guite (from Stations of the Cross)

Donna Ward

Here at the centre everything is still
Before the stir and movement of our grief
Which bears it's pain with rhythm, ritual,
Beautiful useless gestures of relief.
So they anoint the skin that cannot feel
Soothing his ruined flesh with tender care,
Kissing the wounds they know they cannot heal,
With incense scenting only empty air.
He blesses every love that weeps and grieves
And makes our grief the pangs of a new birth.
The love that's poured in silence at old graves
Renewing flowers, tending the bare earth,
Is never lost. In him all love is found
And sown with him, a seed in the rich ground.

Hymn 223

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

Wondrous Love

First Reading

Mark 14:12-31

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me,

one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' "But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all fall away, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

Music

"The Call" (Five Mystical Songs)
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Bruno Barbosa and Christian Broughton

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Second Reading

MARK 14:32-42

Pastor Anita Peebles

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." 37 He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

Third Reading

MARK 14:43-50

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Taizé

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of [the disciples] deserted him and fled.

Music

"Herzliebster Jesu," Op. 122, No. 2 JOHANNES BRAHMS Christian Broughton

Fourth Reading

MARK 14:53-72

Larry Green

They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am, and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the female servants of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the female servant, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and you talk like one." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

"My Song in the Night"

arr. MACK WILBERG

Sanctuary Choir

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day, and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, a stranger from Thee,
Or cry in the desert, Thy face to see?
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

Fifth Reading

MARK 15:1-15

Pastor Anita Peebles

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to [the Roman governor] Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the one they call King?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Jesus Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the one you call King?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But crowd was stirred up to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you called King and Messiah?" The crowd shouted back for Jesus to be crucified. Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

Hymn 226

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

HERZLICH TUT MICH

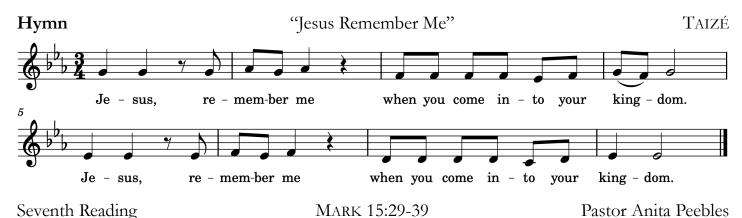
Poem by Refaat Alareer

"If I Must Die"

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

If I must die, you must live to tell my story to sell my things to buy a piece of cloth and some strings, (make it white with a long tail) so that a child, somewhere in Gaza while looking heaven in the eye awaiting his dad who left in a blaze and bid no one farewell not even to his flesh not even to himself sees the kite, my kite you made, flying up above, and thinks for a moment an angel is there bringing back love.

If I must die let it bring hope, let it be a story. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King and Messiah!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The one called King and Messiah" And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left.



Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Poem by Ross Gay

"A Small Needful Fact"

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Is that Eric Garner worked for some time for the Parks and Rec. Horticultural Department, which means, perhaps, that with his very large hands, perhaps, in all likelihood, he put gently into the earth some plants which, most likely, some of them, in all likelihood,

continue to grow, continue to do what such plants do, like house and feed small and necessary creatures, like being pleasant to touch and smell, like converting sunlight into food, like making it easier for us to breathe. Eighth Reading

Mark 15:40-46

Pastor Anita Peebles

There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, who followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Please exit in silence.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Sign-ups this Sunday for April 13 Veggie & Vegan Place at the Table: If you would like to attend one of the April 13 Place at the Table potlucks, sign up today or next Sunday near the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour. Interfaith Climate Action group members will be available to answer your questions.

Jim Wallis presents The False White Gospel: Thursday, April 11, 7pm at Seattle First Baptist, co-sponsored by Elliott Bay Book Company. Author Jim Wallis returns to SFBC to celebrate the release of his new book, *The False White Gospel*. Tickets: \$6; Ticket + Book \$35. Tickets available at strangertickets.com.

Morning Retreat for LGBTQI+ Community & Allies: Saturday, May 18, 9am-1pm at the Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle. Led by John Mastalski and co-sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality Center, St. Joseph Parish LGBTQ Ministry, and Seattle First Baptist. Registration fee: \$35; Young Adults (under 40) \$30. For more information and to register, visit ignatiancenter.org.

Easter Breakfast: All are welcome to share in an Easter breakfast next Sunday, March 31, 9:30-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall prepared by Chef Stephenie. Craft activities will also be available for young ones!

Flowering of the Cross: Easter Sunday, March 31. All are invited to add a flower to the wooden cross at the beginning of our Easter service. The church will provide flowers, or you are welcome to bring flowers from home to contribute.

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

For Zoom links, see our online calendar at seattlefirstbaptist.org

Saturday 3/30 Men's Group 10am on Zoom

Sunday 3/31 Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 3/31 Easter Day Service with Choir and Brass 11am in the Sanctuary

Tuesday 4/2 Prayer and Reflection 12pm on Zoom

Wednesday 4/3 Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Thursday 4/4 Bible Study 12pm on Zoom

Saturday 4/6 Men's Group 10am on Zoom

Saturday 4/6 Collective Action: Cruise Ship Protest 10am at Pier 66

Saturday 4/6 Play Reading Circle 3pm on Zoom

Saturday 4/6 Workshop & Havdalah with Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg 7pm in Fridell

Sunday 4/7 Caring for Our Common Home 9:30am in the Parlour

Sunday 4/7 Coffee & Conversation with the Pastors 12:30pm in the Parlour

Sunday 4/7 Seattle Jazz Vespers: Mark Lewis Quartet 6pm in the Sanctuary

Please see This Week in your email and on our Facebook page for further information and other announcements.

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