



*Seeking the Light*

“It is a strange thing how sometimes merely to talk honestly of God, even if it is only to articulate our feelings of separation and confusion, can bring peace to our spirits. You thought you were unhappy because this or that was off in your relationship, this or that was wrong in your job but the reality is that your sadness stemmed from your aversion to, your stalwart avoidance of, God. The other problems may very well be true, and you will have to address them, but what you feel when releasing yourself to speak of the deepest needs of your spirit is the fact that no other needs could be spoken of outside of that context. You cannot work on the structure of your life if the ground of your being is unsure.”

Christian Wiman  
*My Bright Abyss*

**The Worship of God  
Good Friday**

April 18, 2014

12:15 p.m.

PRELUDE "Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein"  
("When In the Hour of Utmost Need")

J. S. Bach

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.**

KYRIE

Peter DuBois

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

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.**

\* HYMN 100

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ROCKINGHAM

PRAYER  
for ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT  
LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-9, 12

(Pew Bible, OT page 683)

HYMN 93

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 1)

THE PASSION  
of OUR LORD

John 18:1-12  
Silence

*(Pew Bible, NT page 112)*

ANTHEM

“Erbarme dich, mein Gott”

J.S. Bach

Riki Connaughton, *alto*; Jenny Väitalo, *violin*

(Have Mercy on Me, My God—from St. Matthew Passion)

John 18:28-40

*(Pew Bible, NT page 112)*

Silence

HYMN 93, “Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 2)

John 19:1-16

*(Pew Bible, NT page 113)*

Silence

HYMN 93, “Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 3)

John 19:17-27

*(Pew Bible, NT page 113)*

Silence

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (organ)

John 19:28-30

*(Pew Bible, NT page 114)*

Silence

HYMN 93, “Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 4)

John 19:31-42

*(Pew Bible, NT page 114)*

Silence

REFLECTION

“Andante”

J.S. Bach

(from Sonata No. 2 for Viola da Gamba)

Jenny Väitalo, *viola*

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 send 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 98 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
*All depart in silence.*

PASSION CHORALE

*This afternoon we will receive an offering  
to support One Great Hour of Sharing.*

*Offering plates are available as you depart.*

*\* Congregation may stand, as able.*

***PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SERVICE:***

*LITURGISTS:* John Wilkinson  
Martha C. Langford  
Lynette Sparks

*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:* Peter A. DuBois

*USHERS:* Jeff Weis, Rob White



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## Easter Celebrations

**6:30 a.m.**

**Easter Sunrise Service**

**at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School  
1100 S. Goodman Street, on the Terrace**

**9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**Festival Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary**



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