



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

What was brought to an end was of course nothing less than his life. The Gospels make no bones about that. He died as dead as any man. All the days of his life led him to this day, and beyond this day there would be no other days, and he knew it. It was finished now, he said. He was finished. He had come to the last of all his moments, and because he was conscious still—alive to his death— maybe, as they say the dying do, he caught one final glimpse of the life he had all but finished living.

What was brought to completion by such a life and such a death only he can know now, wherever he is, if he is anywhere. The *Christ* of it is beyond our imagining. All we can know is the flesh and blood of it, the Jesus of it. In that sense, what was completed was at the very least a hope to live by, a mystery to hide our faces before, a shame to haunt us, a dream of holiness to help make bearable our night.

Frederick Buechner  
*Beyond Words*

**The Worship of God  
Good Friday**

March 25, 2015

12:15 p.m.

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

CALL to WORSHIP based on Philippians 2:8

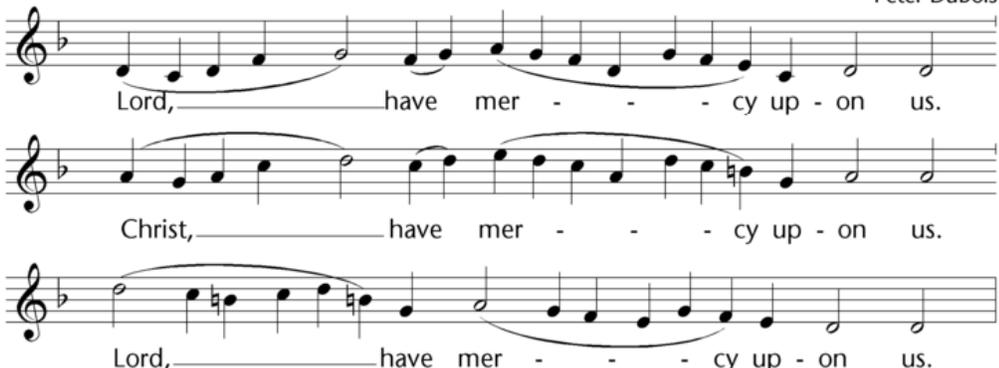
LEADER: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God;

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 220 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" REDHEAD

PRAYER  
for ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT  
LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-9, 12

(Pew Bible, OT page 683)

HYMN 218 "Ah, Holy Jesus" (stanza 1)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE PASSION  
of OUR LORD

John 18:1-12

*(Pew Bible, NT page 112)*

Silence

SOLO "Inflammatum et accensum"  
(from *Stabat Mater*, 1842) Gioachino Rossini  
Paige Kiefner, soprano

Inflammatum et accensum  
per te, Virgo, sum defensum  
in die iudicii. Fac me  
cruce custodiri, morte  
Christi praemuniri,  
confoveri gratia.

*Inflamed and in flames  
through the Virgin I am  
defended in the day of  
judgment. May I by the  
cross be guarded by the  
death of Christ made safe,  
by Thy eternal grace.*

John 18:28-40

*(Pew Bible, NT page 112)*

Silence

HYMN 218, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (stanza 2)

John 19:1-16

*(Pew Bible, NT page 113)*

Silence

HYMN 218, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (stanza 3)

John 19:17-27

*(Pew Bible, NT page 113)*

Silence

HYMN 218, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (stanza 4)

John 19:28-30

*(Pew Bible, NT page 114)*

Silence

HYMN 218, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (stanza 5)

John 19:31-42

*(Pew Bible, NT page 114)*

Silence

SOLO "Blute nur, du liebes Herz" J.S. Bach  
(from *St. Matthew Passion*) Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

Blute nur, du liebes  
Herz! Ach, ein Kind,  
das du erzogen, das an  
einer Brust gesogen,  
droht den Pfleger zu  
ermorden, denn es ist  
zur Schlange worden.

*Only bleed, you  
beloved heart! Oh, a  
child that you brought  
up, that nursed at  
your breast, threatens  
to murder the  
guardian for (the  
child) has become the  
serpent.*

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 sent 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 221 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE  
*All depart in silence.*

*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  
Ernest F. Krug

*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:*

Peter A. DuBois

*SOLOIST:* Paige Kiefner

*USHERS:* Rob White, Janet Stewart



**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.**

**Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching: "Seeds of Amazement"  
Music for choir, brass, organ and handbells**



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