

“It is a matter of interest that the day of the Lord’s death is called Good Friday. In terms of Jesus’ own pain and suffering, it was not a good day. But in view of the death of Jesus as a day when the powers of evil were put to ight and dethroned, it was indeed a good day. Our celebration of that day in worship captures the tension of both the sorrow we bring to the day through our identification with Jesus and the joy we experience knowing that his death was the death of death, the ruination of the powers of evil.”

- Robert Webber



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Good Friday
March 30, 2018

†**Call to Worship**

Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

People: who redeems us from sin and death.

Minister: For us and for our salvation,
Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

†**Opening Prayer**

†**Hymn, No. 255**

O Jesus, We Adore Thee

†**Prayer for Illumination**

†**Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 22

Homily: “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

†**Hymn, No. 252**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Seven Last Words from the Cross

The First Word: Luke 23:32-34

The Second Word: Luke 23:39-43

†**Psalm 22:1-2**

Tune: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

“My God, my God,” I cry, “why have You forsaken me?
How can You hear my groaning words and yet so distant be?
My God, I cry by day and yet no answer from You hear,
At night I find no rest without the comfort of You near.”

The Third Word: John 19:25-27

†**Psalm 22:6-8**

Tune: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Despised by men, I am now a worm more than a man.
They shriek, “He trusts in God, let Him redeem him if He can.
Let God deliver him if He indeed delights in him!”
They wag their heads and mock with scorn ‘midst all my anguish grim.

The Fourth Word: Mark 15:31-34

†**Psalm 22:12-15**

Tune: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Like raging bulls they bellow, like lions set to feast.
With open mouth each rages like an all-consuming beast.
With melting heart, my life like water slowly slips away;
My tongue cleaves to my jaws as in the dust of death I lay.

The Fifth Word: John 19:28-29

The Sixth Word: John 19:30

†**Psalm 22:16-21**

Tune: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

My foes, like dogs, surround me; with glee they gloat and stare.
They pierce my hands and feet; they steal the garments that I wear.
I count my bones; in pain I cry, “LORD, hear and answer me.
From sword and dog and mouth of beast, My God deliver me.”

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:44-46

†**Hymn, No. 9 (Psalm 22:23-26, 31)**

All You That Fear Jehovah’s Name

† **Charge and Benediction**

† Congregation stands, as able.