

“Jesus Suffered for Us”



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*God calls MacPherson Presbyterian Church
to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to make disciples, and to be His witness.*

Maundy Thursday

Prelude

Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Call to Worship (Isaiah 53:1-12; *Responsively*)

One: Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

MANY: For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

Men: He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Women: Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Youth: But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

ALL: All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

One: He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

MANY: By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?

Men: His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was

with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

Women: But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Youth: As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.

ALL: Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.

Scripture

Mark 14:65, 15:16-21 (NT)

Sermon

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***Hymn #101** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious Lord and Savior,

ALL: Please forgive us for our sin. We gather here tonight to worship You and You alone. Nevertheless, we hold our idolatrous ways in our hearts and thereby dishonor You. Forgive us, merciful Savior. Each day we encounter those who do not know You, and we walk past in silence instead of speaking Your words of encouragement and life. Forgive us, compassionate God. We sin against You. All of our sin is against You. Please forgive us, Gracious Lord, through Jesus Your Son, amen.

Affirmation of Faith “The Heidelberg Catechism”

(4.037-4.040)

Q. What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

A. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God’s grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Q. Why did he suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

A. So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

Q. Is it significant that he was “crucified” instead of dying some other way?

A. Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God.

Q. Why did Christ have to suffer death?

A. Because God’s justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn #102

“Were You There?”

*** Benediction**

*** All Depart in Silence**

