



## TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday – March 29, 2024

*We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!*

*\* We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.*

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”**

Congregation

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**Who redeems us from sin and death.**

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

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

\* ♪ **GATHERING SONG – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

Congregation

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Merciful God,

**You gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the name of Christ, I declare to you, we are forgiven.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

### **MEDITATIONS – “From the Cross of Christ”**

**Luke 23:33-34**

Pastor Vicki Massman

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

**Luke 23:39-43**

Pastor Pat Mecham

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**John 19:25b-27**

Pastor Vicki Massman

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Matthew 27:45-46**

Pastor Pat Mecham

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**John 19:28-29**

Pastor Vicki Massman

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

**John 19:30**

Pastor Pat Mecham

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Luke 23:46**

Pastor Vicki Massman

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

**\* ♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “The Od Rugged Cross”**

Congregation

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION****SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Come to the Table”**

Congregation

**\* ♪ SENDING SONG – “Were You There”**

Congregation

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

***Please leave the sanctuary in silence.***

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