

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Good Friday Worship

April 7, 2023 at 10 am

Prelude

Silent Prayer and Contemplation

Entry of the Cross

The Question of Good Friday

Call to Worship

One: As we gather this morning to reflect and pray and struggle

All: may our eyes be opened to Redemption;

One: May our hearts be open to Love;

All: may our lives be transformed by God's presence

One: In the midst of our darkness

All: May Love still be our guide

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: *Were you there when they Crucified my Lord?* 233

Scripture: John 18:12-27

Heather Reid

Reflection: **Coward at Heart**

Prayer of Confession

Choir Anthem: *A Green Hill Far Away* by Besig, Price

Scripture: John 18:29-38

Bill George

Reflection: **Blind to Truth**

Prayer

Hymn: *Alas and did my Saviour bleed* 235

Scripture: Isaiah 53:2-5

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offering Praise: *God forgave my sin/Freely freely* 774

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Hymn: *Beneath the cross of Jesus* 238

Walk of the Cross

Scripture: John 19:28-30

Draping of the Table

Prayer

Living Faith 3.4.2-3.4.3 (Unison)

3.4.2 Christ died for our sins.

The innocent one bore our condemnation on the cross.
He suffered and was put to death
for the sin of the world.

3.4.3 God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery
which the Scriptures describe as the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest.

It is also the innocent dying for the guilty,
the ransom of a slave,
payment of a debt,
and victory over the powers of evil.

Such expressions interpret the love of God
revealing the gravity, cost, and sure achievement
of our Lord's work.

Yet that love we cannot fully explain.

God's grace, received by faith alone,
pardons and justifies, redeems and reconciles us.

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