

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

MARCH 29, 2024 | 7PM

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Good Friday



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## Prelude

“In Paradisum”

Jean-Yves Daniel-Lesur  
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## Welcome

### ◇ Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: Where is the darkness of the world?

**All: On a cross on a hill.**

One: Where is the light of the world?

**All: On a cross on a hill.**

One: Where do we find our hope?

**All: In not turning away from that cross or that hill. In seeing the fullness of God's glory.**

### ◇ Hymn #284

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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## The Things He Carried

### Introduction

Mark 15:1-15

Pew Bible, NT pg. 54

*As Jesus was arrested, mocked, and crucified, he carried many things with him. Tonight, as we read the story in scripture, we'll reflect on the things Jesus carried.*

### Crown of Thorns

Mark 15:16-20

Pew Bible, NT pg. 54

Reflection

Response Hymn #278

“To Mock Your Reign”

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### The Cross

Mark 15:21-24

Pew Bible, NT pg. 54

Reflection

Responsive Anthem

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Gilbert Martin

~Chancel Choir

*“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!”*

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## Unfulfilled Hopes

Mark 15:25-27

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 54*

Reflection

Response Hymn #280 “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”

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## The Sin of the World

Mark 15:29-32

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 55*

Reflection

Responsive Anthem

“Lamb of God”

*arr. Melius Christiansen*

~Chancel Choir

*“Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer; our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken; have mercy on us, O Jesus.”*

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## Rejection

Mark 15:33-39

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 55*

Reflection

Responsive Anthem

“Improperium”

*McNeil Robinson*

~Men’s Ensemble

*“You have abandoned me and broken my heart, and I am full of woe. I look around for someone who will be merciful, but there is no one. No one will console me, no one will comfort my pain. But you gave me vinegar to drink, and when I was hungry you fed me the bitterest gall. You have abandoned me and broken my heart, and I am full of woe.”*

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## The Amazing Love of God

Mark 15:40-47

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 55*

Reflection

Responsive Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

*Bob Chilcott*

~Chancel Choir

*“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that who-so believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

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## Meditation

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

## Prayer

## Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

One: Forsaken.  
Jesus.

**All: Forsaken.**

One: Life—

**All: forsaken.**

One: Hopes—

**All: forsaken.**

One: Dreams—

**All: forsaken.**

One: Innocence—

**All: forsaken.**

One: Friendship—

**All: forsaken.**

One: Expectation—

**All: forsaken.**

One: Rescue—

**All: forsaken.**

One: Trust—

**All: forsaken.**

One: God—

**All: forsaken.**

One: My God, my God,  
why?

Eloi, eloi, lema  
sabachthani?

Forsaken.

**All: Jesus.**

**Forsaken.**

## Sending

## Departing in Silence

### READERS

Don Johnson, Benny Rediers, Suzanne Lewand, Susan Bakker, Beau Woehrle

## Easter Worship Services

Join us for worship on **Easter Sunday, March 31!** Worship services are at **9am & 11am** in the sanctuary, with brass accompaniment, as we sing “Alleluia” and proclaim that Christ is risen, indeed!

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