Good Friday



New Hope Presbyterian Church April 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Order of Worship Good Friday Vigil of the Seven Sayings

CHORAL PRELUDE "Since by Man Came Death"

Handel

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree. That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

HYMN # 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

"And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Luke 23:26-28, 32-34

From *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"If you've ever really forgiven somebody, forgiven some real wrong, then all forgiveness is suffering. If you say I forgave and I didn't suffer, it wasn't 'really that serious a wrong. But if you have ever really, truly been wronged, and you have forgiven it, then you have suffered. Because all forgiveness is a form of suffering. If someone has wronged you deeply, there is an indelible sense of debt, an injustice, a feeling you can't just shrug off. And once you sense this deep injustice, this debt, there are only two things you can do. One is you can make

the perpetrator pay—you can find ways to make the perpetrator suffer and pay down the debt, or Two you can forgive."

<u>PRAYER</u> As you forgave those who harmed you, and those who silently watched, help us to suffer forgiveness for one another. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

HYMN # 227 Jesus, Remember Me (7x)

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

"And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? 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 justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23: 35-43

What Wood is This? By: Bernard Fyles

What wood is this?

Olive or oak, cedar or pine?
Unsuited for the cabinet makers 'art
Unfit for turning, inlay, elegance,
too warped for any honest use,
door frame or ladder or carrier's cart.

What wood is this?

Sold cheap to minimize the grower's loss.

Too many knots, too twisted, no good except for firewood or a cross.

What wood is this?

Rough joints, rope lashings,
hold it together for the task ahead,
and the carpenter's hands
that might have shaped it
as they shaped the world
are made to drag it through the streets instead.

What wood is this?
It is the wood of death,
the wood of life.

PRAYER As you offered words of promise to the criminal, may we also hear you offer words of promise to us. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

HYMN # 215 What Wondrous Love Is This

Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag¢dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. *John 19: 25b-27*

From Claire of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love by Sister Ilia Delio

"Place your mind before the mirror of eternity! I wonder how many of us look on the cross as the "mirror of eternity"—a reflection of eternity in the crucified Christ. We rarely think of eternity hanging on a cross unless of course we understand that eternity is God, God is love and God's love is expressed in the crucified Christ. God is revealed as all-embracing, out-pouring love in the figure

of the crucified Christ [in whom] we see a reflection of the eternal God who is the fullness of love. Gazing on the crucified Christ as a way of encountering God can be difficult because we are not attracted to crucified bodies or suffering humanity. To gaze on the crucified Christ is an embrace of the heart—a desire to allow the otherness of God's love into our lives. It is difficult to see another person's suffering, if we have not come to terms with our own suffering which opens us to receive the blessing and presence of God."

Prayer: As you helped Mary, your mother and John, your friend, remain in the embrace of your heart, help us to experience your love in suffering. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

HYMN # 212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "E'lo-i, E'lo-i, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Eli'jah." *Mark 15: 33-35*

Lead by Mary Oliver

Here is a story
to break your heart.
Are you willing?
This winter
the loons came to our harbor
and died, one by one,
of nothing we could see.
A friend told me
of one on the shore
that lifted its head and opened
the elegant beak and cried out

in the long, sweet savoring of its life which, if you have heard it, you know is a sacred thing. and for which, if you have not heard it, you had better hurry to where they still sing. And, believe me, tell no one just where that is. The next morning this loon, speckled and iridescent and with a plan to fly home to some hidden lake, was dead on the shore. I tell you this to break your heart, by which I mean only that it break open and never close again to the rest of the world.

<u>PRAYER</u> As you cried out to God in anguish, help us to cry out to you, trusting you hear, and understand. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

HYMN # 175 Seek Ye First

I Thirst

"After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth." *John 19: 28-29*

From Mother Theresa's *Devotion to the Thirst of Jesus* by Edward Sri "In the chapel of the Missionaries of Charity—the order founded by Mother Theresa, there's a crucifix with the words, "I THIRST" painted in bold black

letters next to it. Mother Theresa said these words, "I thirst," were a constant reminder of the purpose of the Missionaries of Charity. "We have these words in every chapel of the Missionaries of Charity to remind us what Missionaries of Charity are here for: to quench the thirst of Jesus for souls, for love, for kindness, for compassion, for delicate love."

Ever since her call to serve the poorest of the poor in 1946, Mother Teresa insisted that the Missionaries of Charity were founded "to satiate the thirst of Jesus," and she included this statement in the founding Rules for the new religious order: "The General End of the Missionaries of Charity is to satiate the thirst of Jesus Christ on the Cross for Love and Souls." Mother Theresa says, "Why does Jesus say 'I Thirst'? What does it mean? 'I Thirst' is something much deeper than just Jesus saying 'I love you.' Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you — you can't begin to know who He wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him."

What specifically is Jesus thirsting for in us? He longs for our love — our attention, our ardent devotion, the total entrusting of our lives to Him. Mother Theresa says, "At this most difficult time He proclaimed, 'I thirst.' And people thought He was thirsty in an ordinary way and they gave Him vinegar straight away; but it was not for that thirst; it was for our love, our affection, that intimate attachment to Him, and that sharing of His passion. He used, 'I thirst,' instead of 'Give Me your love'. . . 'I thirst.' Let us hear Him saying it to me and saying it to you."

HYMN # 188 Jesus Loves Me!

It is finished...

"When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." *John 19:30*

O Come and Mourn with me Awhile by Frederick William Faber

O come and mourn with me awhile; O come ye to the Savior's side; O come, together let us mourn;

Jesus, our Love, is crucified.
Have we no tears to shed for him,
while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Ah! look how patiently he hangs;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

How fast his hands and feet are nailed; his blessed tongue with thirst is tied, his failing eyes are blind with blood:

Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

His mother cannot reach his face; she stands in helplessness beside; her heart is martyred with her Son's:

Jesus, our Love, is Crucified.

Seven times seven he spoke, seven words of love; and all three hours his silence cried for mercy on the souls of men; Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

O break, O break, hard heart of mine!

Thy weak self-love and guilty pride his Pilate and his Judas were:

Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

A broken heart, a fount of tears, ask, and they will not be denied; a broken heart love's cradle is:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.
O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act your strength is tried; and victory remains with love; for he, our Love, is crucified.

<u>PRAYER</u> As you finished the demands of holy love--a body broken, a soul crucified—help us to find our wholeness in you. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Father into thy hands I commend my spirit...

"It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. "

Luke 23: 44-46

HYMN # 649 Amazing Grace

CLOSING PRAYER

Open Unto Me by Howard Thurman

Lord, open unto me

Open unto me — **light for my darkness.**

Open unto me — courage for my fear.

Open unto me — hope for my despair.

Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me — strength for my weakness.

Open unto me — wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me - love for my hates.

Open unto me — thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

Assisting in Worship This Evening

PASTOR

Rev. Andrew Lemlyn CHOIR DIRECTOR

Dr. Susan Harvey
COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

Alyssa Ham

LITURGIST

Leslie Adams, Margie Cantrell, Carol Wilson, Jay Cantrell, Roy Mason, Leslie Adkins CAMERA AND SOUND

OPERATOR

Natalie Chapman

Church Calendar

April 17-April 20

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday, Apr 18 Good Friday Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, Apr 19 No Mobile Food Ministries Easter weekend (will

meet on April 26th instead)

Sunday, Apr 20 Easter Sunday

Choir Practice 9 a.m.
Worship at 10 a.m.
Flowering of the Cross

Easter Reception

Faith Mission 5:30 p.m.

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayers of Thankfulness and Gratitude

Brenda Hardy's surgery was successful.

Prayers of Intercession

Allyn Arnold to regain strength and stamina.

Allyn Arnold's ex-wife, Nancy, and mother of his children (Cammie, Christie, and Louis), has passed away. We pray for the whole family as they grieve this loss.

Terry Bracewell recovering from spinal surgery.

Margie Cantrell's recovery from successful back surgery.

LaRae Collins is recovering from surgeries and rehabbing.

Nancy Estes is at a rehab inpatient facility.

Anna Mae Fischli is at Baylor in McKinney, TX, recovering from a heart attack.

Mary Garza is in the ICU after a fall while recovering from a stroke

Joe Gonzales' continued recovery from intestinal surgery.

Bob Hardy as he faces medical tests.

The friends of **Marianne Jones** as they grieve her passing

Eileen Leonard as she settles into her new home at Royal Estates Room 231.

John Leonard's continued progress in recovering from a stroke and as he transitions to Encompass Health for speech therapy.

Howell and **Peggy Martin** continue to experience health issues, and their son, Michael, is recovering from elbow surgery that restricts his work as a golf pro.

Jeannine Morris' grandson, **Hayes**, continued road to full health as one more surgery will be required.

The work of the **Pastor Nominating Committee.**

Caitlin Reamy, the niece of the **Clements**' daughter, is beset with several autoimmune diseases that are draining her youthful intents.

Karen Smith as she undergoes monthly infusions

Michael Smith's grandson, **Matthew**, and cousin, **Robert**, continue toward healing.

Mia Thomas, Bob and **Brenda Hardy's** granddaughter, continues to suffer neurological symptoms and awaits a diagnosis.

Rose Troupe is healing and strengthening at Sheridan Care Facility in Burkburnett.

Kelly Young, who continues with low oxygen level and lung problems.

Carroll Wilson for relief while he awaits his upcoming surgeries.

Carolyn Kouri as she recovers from cataract surgery on both eyes. **Susan Harvey**'s mother as she continues to recover from a heart attack.

Homebound Members

Dorothy Hughes Carolyn Kouri Eileen Leonar

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



Jesus, Remember Me



What Wondrous Love Is This 215



212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



175

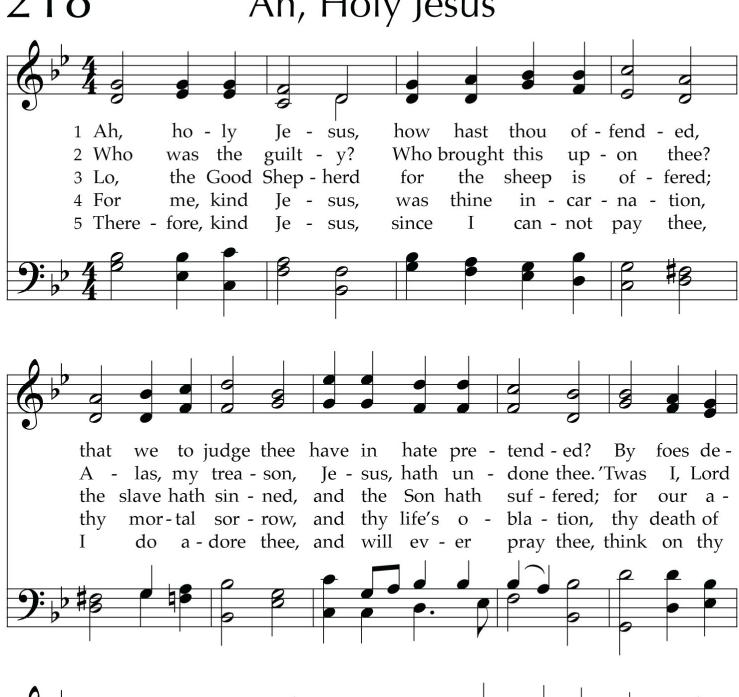
Seek Ye First







Ah, Holy Jesus





by thine own re - ject - ed, most af - flict - ed! rid - ed, O Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; cru - ci - fied I thee. tone-ment, while we noth-ing heed-ed, in - ter - ced - ed. God an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion. pit - y and thy love un-swerv-ing, my de - serv - ing. not



649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

