



Then they
led him out
to crucify him

"THE WAY OF THE CROSS"

AN ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

12 NOON to 2:00 P.M.

at the

First Baptist Church of Council Bluffs
540 First Avenue

Mr. Walter Hanson, Organist

INTRODUCTION

Special Music: Heart & Soul Choir
"We Are Climbing"
Invocation Dr. Lyle W. Lee
Greetings

IN THE GARDEN

Call to Worship:

Rev. Donald Klohr, Worship Leader

Leader: Fear and fascination drew observers to the first Holy Friday. These emotions have attracted people ever since.

People: We cannot flee from the pain and suffering which Jesus experienced on our behalf.

Leader: We wonder why one so faithful and loving had to face the agony of rejection and death.

People: Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, and was bruised for our iniquities.

Leader: In this time of worship we join Christ at Calvary, aware of our involvement in the cruelty there.

People: Our faithfulness is tested at the cross and our lives are judged by our response.

Prayer

Special Music: Heart & Soul Choir
"This Little Child"

Scripture Reading Luke 22:39-46

Sermon Rev. Richard Hogan

Hymn: No. 139

"'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow"

THE BETRAYAL

Prayer Rev. Jerold Irvin, Worship Leader
Special Music Broadway Brass
Scripture Reading Luke 22:47-62
Sermon Rev. James Poulsen
Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" No. 136

THE FLOGGING AND TRIAL

Prayer Rev. Paul Nelson, Worship Leader
Special Music: Ms. Karen Capel
"He Was Despised and Rejected"
Scripture Reading Luke 22:63-23:25
Sermon Rev. Harold Bostrom
Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" No. 152

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Prayer Rev. Sam Weber-Han, Worship Leader
Special Music: Ms. Priscilla Brockway
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Scripture Lesson Luke 23:26-31
Dialogue on "The Way"
Julie Lappe and Rev. Cindy Weber-Han
Sermon Rev. Cindy Weber-Han
Hymn: "Low in the Grave" No. 165

THE CROSS

Special Music: Don Spires
"The Old Rugged Cross"
Introduction
Sister Margaret Rourke, Worship Leader
Responsive Reading (Printed)
Scripture Reading Luke 23:32-49
Sermon Father Paul Monohan
Claiming Corporate Responsibility (Printed)
Prayer
Hymn: "Were You There?" No. 145
Postlude

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(The offering, taken as you depart, will be used
for a humanitarian project designated by
The Council Bluffs Ministerial Association.)

LUKE 22:47-62

WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, THERE CAME A CROWD, AND THE MAN CALLED JUDAS, ONE OF THE TWELVE, WAS LEADING THEM. HE DREW NEAR TO JESUS AND KISSED HIM; BUT JESUS SAID TO HIM, "JUDAS, WOULD YOU BETRAY THE SON OF MAN WITH A KISS?" AND WHEN THOSE WHO WERE ABOUT HIM SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, "LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?" AND ONE OF THEM STRUCK THE SLAVE OF THE HIGH PRIEST AND CUT OFF HIS RIGHT EAR. BUT JESUS SAID, "NO MORE OF THIS!" AND HE TOUCHED THE EAR AND HEALED HIM.

THEN JESUS SAID TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND CAPTAINS OF THE TEMPLE AND ELDERS, WHO HAD COME OUT AGAINST HIM, "HAVE YOU COME OUT AS AGAINST A ROBBER, WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS? WHEN I WAS WITH YOU DAY AFTER DAY IN THE TEMPLE, YOU DID NOT LAY HANDS ON ME. BUT THIS IS YOUR HOUR, AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS".

THEN THEY SEIZED HIM AND LED HIM AWAY, BRINGING HIM INTO THE HOUSE OF THE HIGH PRIEST. PETER FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE; AND WHEN THEY HAD KINDLED A FIRE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COURTYARD AND SAT DOWN TOGETHER, PETER SAT AMONG THEM. THEN A MAID, SEEING HIM AS HE SAT IN THE LIGHT AND GAZING AT HIM, SAID, "THIS MAN WAS WITH HIM" BUT HE DENIED IT, SAYING "WOMAN, I DO NOT KNOW HIM". AND A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND SAID, "YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM". BUT PETER SAID, "MAN, I AM NOT". AND AFTER AN INTERVAL OF ABOUT AN HOUR STILL ANOTHER INSISTED, SAYING, "CERTAINLY THIS MAN WAS ALSO WITH HIM FOR HE IS A GALILEAN". BUT PETER SAID, "MAN,

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SAYING". AND IMMEDIATELY, WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, THE COCK CROWED. AND THE LORD TURNED AND LOOKED AT PETER. AND PETER REMEMBERED THE WORD OF THE LORD, HOW HE HAD SAID TO HIM, "BEFORE THE COCK CROWS TODAY, YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES". AND HE WENT OUT AND WEPT BITTERLY.

ALMIGHTY GOD:

FORGIVE US, LORD, OF OUR FRAIL AND FRAGILE
COMMITMENTS.

LORD JESUS, PLACE YOUR PASSION BETWEEN OUR
FAITHFULNESS AND YOUR STEADFAST LOVE;

PLACE YOUR CROSS BETWEEN OUR DENIALS AND YOUR
FORGIVENESS.

SET YOUR SUFFERING DEATH BETWEEN OUR
STAINED SOULS AND YOUR JUDGEMENT.

THANK YOU, GRAICIOUS GOD, THAT JESUS WAS
OBEDIENT TO DEATH, THAT THROUGH HIS SUFFERING ON
THE CROSS OUR DISOBEDIENCE CAN GIVE WAY TO LIFE.
GIVE US TODAY NEW LIFE IN HIM WHO DIED FOR OUR
SINS, BUT WHO NOW LIVES AND REIGNS FOR EVER AND
EVER. AMEN.

WHERE DID I SEE YOU, LORD,
AND FAIL TO DEFEND YOU

Leader: First people came for the Jews
But I was not a Jew

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the student activists
But I was not an activist

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the black, brown,
red and yellow people
But I was not of color

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the poor white people
But I was not poor

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the draft resisters
But I was not a draft resistor

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the women liberationists
But I was not a woman liberationist

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the farm workers
But I was not a farm worker

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the trade unions
But I was not a unionist

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the spiritual revolutionaries
But I was not a spiritual revolutionary

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: Then people came for the silent majority
But I was silent

All: So I did not defend them.

Leader: And then people came for me.

All: There was no one left to defend me.

PERIOD OF SILENCE

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-49

Homily:

CLAIMING CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Leader: We believe, O God, that you are the father/mother of all human beings, and that therefore we are all blood and spirit brothers and sisters. But we act as if some of us had been made more fully Yours than others, and we do not live as if we were all Yours.

People: God of our corporate lives, forgive us our corporate guilt.

Leader: We believe, O God, that your son lived and died for the salvation of everyone, and that therefore we are all debtors in common to your love. But we preach as if he died more for us than for others thereby giving some of us the right to impose our understanding of your love on others, and we do not live as if we were all sinners saved by your grace.

People: God of our corporate lives, forgive us our corporate guilt.

Leader: We believe, O God, that the church is the universal body of Christ called to the service of the world and that therefore we who know the call of Christ are united in vicarious suffering. But we practice our churchmanship as if our sole task were to preserve and protect it and we do not live as if the love were given to us so that we might give it away.

People: God of our corporate lives, forgive us our corporate guilt.

Leader: We believe, O God, that history is a public river uniting us all to the faith of patriarchs and prophets and that therefore we are the inheritors of all that has gone before to make us what we are. But we act in our own time as if we were acting pure and new and we do not live as if we bear the responsibility for righting our wrongs.

People: God of our corporate lives, forgive us our corporate guilt.

Leader: We believe, O God, that you are the giver of life and that therefore we are the bearers of good in the midst of evil. But we go on as if hatred and anger could be conquered by hatred and anger and we do not live as if love and the courage of truth were enough to subdue people and nations.

People: God of our corporate lives, forgive us our corporate guilt.

Leader: We believe, O God, that no man/woman is an island and that therefore we are all hugged into the human shambles and that therefore whatever happens at the farthest points concerns us very soon. But we follow our own paths as if we walked alone and we do not live as if each person who dies - dies the world with him/her.

People: God of our corporate lives, forgive us our corporate guilt.