

*Good Morning Congregation,*

*What you are going to be experiencing today is going to be unique. We would invite you to join with us in the dramatic retelling of the Passion Story. I would like to encourage you to make this morning more than just reciting words on a stale page. Our intention is that all of us together are acting out this story of the Bible. When you see the [C] in your book, this indicates times when you are saying aloud (in a dramatic faction) the words that come after. I would encourage you to “ACT” as if you are part of the action of the Bible. When it seems like it is an impassioned response, please be exuberant in your response. I know that as you engage in what we are doing today, you will sense the emotion and passion of this very special morning.*

*Sincerely,  
Sean Morton  
Worship Director*

## Luke 22-23

**[N] indicates Narrator**

**[J] indicates Jesus**

**[C] indicates Congregational voices**

**[N]** Who was this Man who caused such controversy --- who ignited faith in some and fury in others, whose compassion lifted the humble and whose righteousness enraged the proud? He existed before the earth's formation, yet He chose to come to earth. He predated time itself, yet He entered a specific time in history as part of the human family. Who was this Jesus? He was not a tragic victim at the whim of human cruelty. He was the sinless one--- becoming sin for us—Taking upon Himself the awful punishment we alone deserve.

What price did Jesus pay to redeem our lives? He paid in a currency of pain and humiliation and death. Roman soldiers flogged and beat Him. They mocked Him and spit on Him, they dressed Him in scarlet robes and placed a crown of thorns on His head, calling Him "King of the Jews". And when He was in so much pain He could hardly stand, they put a massive cross on His shoulders and made Him carry it down the street past jeering crowds to the hill called Calvary.

It is only at Calvary that our lives finally come into focus.

**[N]** While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him,

**[J]** "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

**[N]** When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said,

**[C]** "**Lord, should we strike with our swords?**"

**[N]** And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered,

**[J]** "No more of this!"

**[N]** And he touched the man's ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him,

**[J]** "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour--when darkness reigns."

**SONG**

[N] Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." But he denied it.

**[C] "Woman, I don't know him,"**

[N] A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

**[C] "Man, I am not!"**

[N] Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." Peter replied,

**[C] "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!"**

[N] Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**[C] Prayer of confession**

**[C] Merciful God, We have sinned against You in thought,  
word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left un done.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Through the blood of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy  
on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
So that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,  
To the glory of Your holy name.**



## **SONG**

[N] The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and demanded,

**[C] "Prophecy! Who hit you?"**

[N] And they said many other insulting things to him. At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

**[C] "If you are the Christ, tell us."**

[J] "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

**[C] "Are you then the Son of God?"**

[J] "You are right in saying I am."

**[C] "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."**

[N] Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying,

**[C] "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."**

[N] So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

[J] "Yes, it is as you say,"

[N] Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." But they insisted,

**[C] "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."**



[N] On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.

Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends--before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

With one voice they cried out,

**[C] "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!"**

[N] (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting,

**[C] "Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

[N] For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him." But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

So Pilate decided to grant their demand.

He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

### **SONG**

[N] As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them,

[J] "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

## **CONFESSION**

[N] For our attitude of disregard of the suffering in our world

**[C] Lord have mercy**

[N] For our hesitation to bring the healing Word of God to persons without hope

**[C] Lord have mercy**

[N] For the hurtful things we have said and things we have not done when given the opportunity

**[C] Lord have mercy**

[N] For our neglect in nurturing our friendships and withholding care to those in our church community

**[C] Lord have mercy**

[N] For our often casual response to your great gift of love

**[C] Lord have mercy**

## **SONG**

[N] Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said,

[J] "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

[N] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said,

**[C] "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."**

[N] The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said,

**[C] "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."**

[N] There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him:

**[C] "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"**

[N] But the other criminal rebuked him.

**[C] "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."**

**[J] "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."**

**[N]** It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice,

**[J] "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."**

**[N]** When he had said this, he breathed his last.

### **MINUTE OF SILENCE**

### **SONG**

**[N]** The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said,

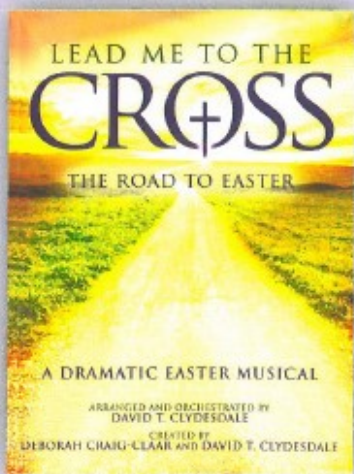
**[C] "Surely this was a righteous man."**

**[N]** When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.


### **VIDEO**



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**Good Friday, April 19, 2019  
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