

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GOOD FRIDAY VESPERS | MARCH 29, 2024 7 P.M.

Order of Service

Prelude

Canzona and Fugue, BWV 131a
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Hymn 92 *(please stand in body or spirit)*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Prayer of Invocation and Welcome

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Anthem

O vos omnes

Carlos Correa

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam:
attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

*O all ye that pass by the way,
attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.*

Litany for Peace

Minister: Holy God, we cry out to you as we grieve the brokenness of our world. We lament the ways we choose death over living to the fullest. We place our trust in you, that you will hear our prayers, with mercy and tenderness. Take our fear, our anger, our frustration and our weary souls. Embolden us as your disciples to share the love of Jesus Christ in these days. It is in the bold confidence of this love that:

People: **We pray for peace -- not with easy words that make no demands, but the peace of the cross, where we bear agony in love, overcoming divisions, being the bridges of love in Christ; where enmity and fear give place to forgiveness.**

Minister: We pray for hope -- a hope that springs from resurrection, not founded on human solutions, but the hope that is in the one who has and will come again.

People: **We pray for power -- the power to endure the long night of waiting, that we may be faithful to the end; the power to be unmoved when evil appears triumphant and the battle for truth seems lost; the power to love when hate explodes into violence and we are tempted to see violence as the only way; the power to start building again when all we trusted in is crashing around us.**

Minister: We pray for courage -- the courage to be a pilgrim people traveling into the unknown in the confidence that the way is known to God; the courage to be the body of Christ, so that all who have sorrow may know the love of Christ through us.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn 85 *(please stand in body or spirit)*

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Cantata

Aus der Tiefen rufe ich, Herr, zu dir (BWV 131)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The House of Hope Motet Choir & Chamber Orchestra
Aaron David Miller, Organ

Diane Koschak, Allison Eckberg, Bryan Garcia, David Lower, and Timothy Bruett, Soloists
Matthew Culloton, Conductor

1. Chorus

Aus der Tiefen rufe ich, Herr, zu dir.
Herr, höre meine Stimme,
lass deine Ohren merken
auf die Stimme meines Flehens!

*Out of the depths I cry, Lord, to you.
Lord, hear my voice,
let your ears notice
the voice of my pleading.*

2. Baritone Aria and Chorale

Aria:

So du willst, Herr, Sünde zurechnen,
Herr, wer wird bestehen?
Denn bei dir ist die Vergebung,
dass man dich fürchte.

*If you want to count up sin,
Lord, who will withstand you?
For with you is forgiveness,
so that we may fear you.*

Chorale:

Erbarm dich mein in solcher Last,
Nimm sie aus meinem Herzen,
Dieweil du sie gebüßet hast
Am Holz mit Todesschmerzen,
Auf dass ich nicht mit großem Weh
In meinen Sünden untergeh,
Noch ewiglich verzage.

*Have mercy on me with such a burden,
Take it away from my heart,
since you have paid the price for it
on the wood [of the cross] with the pains of death
So that I may not with great sorrow
drown in my sins
nor despair forever.*

3. Chorus

Ich harre des Herrn, meine Seele harret,
und ich hoffe auf sein Wort.

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits
and I hope in his word.*

4. Tenor Aria and Chorale

Aria:

Meine Seele wartet auf den Herrn
von einer Morgenwache bis zu der andern.

*My soul waits for the Lord
from one morning watch until the next.*

Chorale:

Und weil ich denn in meinem Sinn,
Wie ich zuvor geklaget,
Auch ein betrübter Sünder bin,
Den sein Gewissen naget,
Und wollte gern im Blute dein
Von Sünden abgewaschen sein
Wie David und Manasse.

*Especially since I in my mind,
as I have for a long time lamented,
am also a troubled sinner,
who is gnawed by his conscience,
and would willingly in your blood
be washed clean from my sins
like David and Manasseh.*

5. Chorus

Israel hoffe auf den Herrn;
denn bei dem Herrn ist die Gnade
und viel Erlösung bei ihm.
Und er wird Israel erlösen aus allen seinen Sünden.

*Israel, hope in the Lord
for with the Lord is grace
and much redemption with him
and he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.*

*Following the cantata you are invited to leave the sanctuary in reverent silence,
or to remain for quiet meditation.*

Easter Sunday at the House of Hope, March 31, 2024

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Elizabeth Chapel
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services, Sanctuary
Festive worship with organ, brass, and The Motet Choir
10 a.m. Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt
Childcare available (9 & 11 a.m. services)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6

Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868

Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see

The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land;
 The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me:

A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
 And from my strick - en heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess:

From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, And the bur - den of the day.
 The won - ders of re - deem - ing love And my un - wor - thi - ness.

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What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.9

American folk hymn, c. 1811

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be,

To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul!
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

*Or "dreadful curse" (as original text).

Participants:

Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Transitional Associate Pastor
Aaron David Miller, Organist; The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, Conductor

Instrumentalists:

Conor O'Brien, Violin
Sarah Boyle Carmack, Oboe
Rebecca Merblum, Cello
Laurie Merz, Bassoon

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary doors.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift"
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.**



Christians and Jews: People of God

Holy Week presents a challenge to Christian communities in its understanding of language. The reference to the "Jews" is especially prevalent in the Gospel of John, and has the power to fuel the impression that Jews as a people are responsible for the death of Jesus. As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we recognize that anti-Judaism is an affront and a contradiction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm the following statement contained in the Presbyterian Study Paper "Christians and Jews: People of God":

The relationship between Christian faith and Judaism is unique, foundational, and enduring. The New Testament bears consistent witness to this relationship – the mercy of God in Jesus Christ embraces both Jew and Gentile; it does not abandon Jews in favor of Gentiles or forsake Jews in favor of the church. Supersessionism, the belief that God's covenant with the church has replaced God's covenant with Israel, and that the church has supplanted the Jewish people, is contrary to the core witness of the New Testament and is not supported by the mainstream of the Reformed tradition. Unfavorable New Testament references to "the Jews" do not refer to all Jews of the first century, and certainly not of the twenty-first. While the New Testament contains numerous references to God's "new covenant" in Christ, these cannot be taken to mean that "new" cancels God's previous covenants.



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