



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Good Friday Devotions

March 25, 2016, 12 to 3 pm

### ✠ The Passion Narrative of John ✠

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.*

We welcome you to this Good Friday service of worship, which begins at noon and continues through 3 pm, the hour of Jesus' death. The service is divided into six passages of scripture from the Gospel of John, each of which portrays our Lord's Passion beginning with his vigil in the garden of Gethsemane. The order is intentionally simple, and will be repeated at one-half-hour intervals. Please do not leave the service during times of silence, but wait until the congregation stands for the next hymn. Preachers for the day, in order of service, are:

- 12:00 pm – **The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted**  
12:30 pm – **The Rev. Andrew D. Smothers**  
1:00 pm – **Christopher N. De La Cruz**  
1:30 pm – **Christina A. Cosby**  
2:00 pm – **The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett**  
2:30 pm – **Dr. Springsted**



PRELUDE

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
BWV 618 *(1685-1750)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Dr. Springsted**

Pastor: Surely he has borne our griefs

**People: And carried our sorrows;**

Pastor: Yet we esteemed him stricken,

**People: Smitten by God, and afflicted.**

Pastor: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,

**People: Even death on a cross.**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

### I

\*HYMN 100

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Rockingham*

\*Let all who are able stand.

PRAYER

**Dr. Springsted**

**Forbid, O God, that, amid our earthly comforts, we should forget the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord endured for our salvation. Grant us this day a vision of all that he suffered; betrayal, lonely agony, false trial, mocking and scourging, and the torture of death on a cross. Lord Jesus Christ, as you have fully given yourself for us, may we give ourselves fully to you. This we ask in your holy and saving name. Amen.**



### III

\*HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

*Herzliebster Jesu*

PRAYER

**Dr. Springsted**

**Merciful God, your Son remained silent in the face of false charges, rejection, flogging, and a crown of thorns. Give us grace that we may follow his example of faithful trust. By your Spirit, endue us with his fortitude that we too may take up the way of the cross in patience and humility. Sustained by the fellowship of his suffering, bring us, at last, to dwell with him in eternal glory. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

LESSON

John 18:28-19:16a

*(nrsv page 106 NT)*

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love (1960)

*arr. Alice Parker  
(b. 1925)*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

*– Traditional American Folk Hymn (c. 1811)*

SERMON

***“Jesus before Pilate and the Crowd”***

**Mr. De La Cruz**

CLOSING PRAYER

*Silence*

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

**Dr. Springsted**

*Bidding prayers for the whole family of God  
and the afflictions of the world are said.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



## VI

\*HYMN 102

Were You There? *African-American Spiritual*

PRAYER

Dr. Springsted

**Lord Jesus Christ, one of us betrayed you, another denied you, and all of us have forsaken you. Yet, you have remained faithful to us, even in death on a cross. Strengthen us in this hour that we may not turn aside, but follow you through the valley of the shadow of death and into the light of the final victory, which you alone can give. This we ask in your saving and holy name. Amen.**

LESSON

John 19:31-42

*(nrsv page 108 NT)*

ANTHEM

Ruht wohl

*J. S. Bach*

*(from St. John Passion, BWV 245)*

Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine,  
Die ich nun weiter nicht beweine,  
Ruht wohl und bringt auch mich zur Ruh!  
Das Grab, so euch bestimmt ist  
Und ferner keine Not umschließt,  
Macht mir den Himmel auf und schließt die Hölle zu.

*Rest well, sacred body,  
For which I henceforth shall never weep,  
Rest well and bring me, too, to rest!  
The tomb which for you is assigned,  
And henceforth no distress will hold,  
Doth open heaven to me and shut the gates of hell.*

*– Barthold Brockes (1680-1747)*

SERMON

**“Burial”**

Dr. Springsted

CLOSING PRAYER

*Silence*

REPROACHES FROM THE CROSS

Dr. Springsted

Pastor: ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord God, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.**

*Silence*

POSTLUDE

Come, Sweet Death, Come, Blessed Rest

*J. S. Bach*

*arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)*

*All depart in silence.*

*Those wishing to make an offering may do so at the rear of the church as you depart. Today's offering will support MAPC's Pastoral Care Fund.*

*This service continues with the Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 pm.*

## **Holy Week Services at MAPC**

**GOOD FRIDAY – March 25**

**4:30 pm - Good Friday Family Service**

**7:30 pm - Service of Tenebrae**

Music by Allegri, Chilcott, Handel & Stainer



**EASTER DAY – March 27**

**9 & 11:15 am**

**Festival Services of Word and Sacrament**

***“Letting Go”***

The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted, preaching

Music for Organ, Trumpets & Timpani by Franz Biber

Choral Music by Richard Dirksen & G. F. Handel

## ***Welcome!***

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you and discuss whatever questions you might have. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

### **MAPC Mission Statement**

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

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