

DERRY ECUMENICAL
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 14, 2017



Participants:

First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
And the Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

Church of the Transfiguration
And Fr. Ray Bonin

St Luke's Methodist Church
And the Rev. Nory Leachon

St Thomas Aquinas Church
And Fr. Phil Pacheco

And including: Randee Rae Martin, First Church of Christ, Scientist
The Rev. Linda Rackliffe, Chester Congregational Baptist Church
Mary Hamblett, Chester Congregational Baptist Church
Rev. Susan Walker, Compassionate Care Hospice
Anne Thompson, Church of the Transfiguration

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

WE BEGIN AT FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

PRELUDE “Speak, Lord” Words and Music by Tim Schoenbachler

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this most solemn of days we gather for worship.

Many: Jesus, lead us from the darkness of the garden, to the bare courtyard and its soldiers.

One: Draw us from Pilate’s palace and its crowds, through the streets of Jerusalem.

Many: Shepherd us to a lonely hillside where the lamb of God waits for us.

One: We would follow you, Jesus, on this, your day of suffering.

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HYMN #219 “Journey to Gethsemane” (verses 1-3)

PRAYER Pastor Nory Leachon, St Luke’s

SPECIAL MUSIC “The King is Crying” Words and Music by Michael John Poirier Sung by Ryk Dietrich

SCRIPTURE John 18:28-38a read by Mary Hamblett

SERMON What Is Truth?

The Rev. Linda J. Rackliffe, Pastor of Chester Congregational Baptist

HYMN #190 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

BENEDICTION The Rev. Linda J. Rackliffe

(A financial offering to benefit the Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be received upon entering the concluding service at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.)

We follow the Cross to the Church of the Transfiguration

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

WE CONTINUE AT THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

WELCOME The Rev. Ray Bonin

OPENING HYMN #160 “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

Organ and Piano: Larry Thompson, Church of the Transfiguration

SCRIPTURE John 18:38b-19:16a read by Randee Rae Martin

SERMON The Rev. Susan Walker, Chaplain with Compassionate Care Hospice

CLOSING HYMN #172 “Were You There”

BENEDICTION Fr Phil Pacheco, St. Thomas Aquinas

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We follow the Cross to St. Luke’s Methodist Church

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

WE CONTINUE AT ST. LUKE’S METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME The Rev. Nory Leachon

SPECIAL MUSIC “When Jesus Wept” arr. Douglas E. Wagner; Sung by Julie Huss & Mike Corey; Organ and Piano: Larry Thompson, Church of the Transfiguration

OPENING PRAYER

One: Holy God, Early in His ministry Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the light.” Neither the Roman officials nor the Temple officials could see the truth that was right in front of them.

Many: **Forgive us, Love Divine, for not relying on your truth.
Help us to regularly open your pages of scripture and
study your Word so you can reveal the truth of your love to us.
Amen.**

HYMN #292 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

SCRIPTURE John 19:16b-30 read by Anne Thompson, Transfiguration

REFLECTION The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof, Senior Pastor at First Parish

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Think I Heard Him Say” arr. Gilbert M. Martin & Larry F. Pugh; Sung by Julie Huss & Mike Corey

CLOSING LITANY

One: Despite His innocence Jesus is punished and suffers.

Many: He didn't suffer for himself but for us.

One: Jesus is a king, but was crowned in an unexpected way.

Many: His throne was the cross.

One: Jesus was stripped and the soldiers divided His clothes amongst themselves.

Many: May God take from us all that hinders our relationship with God and our neighbor.

One: Even while hanging on the cross Jesus was still thinking of others – helping them to become family.

Many: We are also given the opportunity to be part of His family.

One: Jesus says he is thirsty and the soldiers respond by giving Him cheap wine vinegar.

ALL: May God forgive us when we have been miserly and not generous with everything God has given us.

CLOSING HYMN Crown Him with Richest Crowns (insert)

BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

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We follow the Cross to St. Thomas Aquinas Church

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

WE CONCLUDE AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

(Your Financial Offering to benefit the Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be received upon your arrival.)

WELCOME Fr. Phil Pacheco

OPENING HYMN Behold the Wood

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HYMN BETWEEN EACH STATION Sabat Mater

REFLECTION by The Rev. Ray Bonin, Rector, Church of the Transfiguration

CLOSING HYMN Holy Chant #361 in the song book

WE INVITE YOU TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE CROSS...