



“I weep because they have taken my Lord away”

Mendelssohn soprano duets for

Good Friday

A combined service with

Plymouth & Payson Park Churches

Congregational - United Church of Christ

April 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Payson Park Church

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Gathering for Good Friday Worship

Prepare for Worship

As you check in, practice using your Mute button, and finding your Chat Box.
Our co-host will help you. We end our service in silence, without any benediction.

Invitation for people to listen to Megan's pre-recorded prelude

Prelude in Bb minor

J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Greeting

Pastor Eric

Welcome to all listening in or watching, whether near or far away.
Our service ends without benediction.

Solemn Reproaches

Katherine Ballas, *Youth & Community Outreach Minister*

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

First Word

Jim Rice, Plymouth

Luke 23:34: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.

Prayer

Pastor Joe Zarro, Plymouth

Silence

Second Word

Melissa Mitchell, Payson Park

Luke 23:43: Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Prayer

Pastor Eric Wefald, Payson Park

Silence

Mendelssohn Soprano Duet

“I Waited for the Lord”

F. Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

duet - Pauline Lim & Julie Wu

Third Word

Cathy Couture, Plymouth

John 19:26–27: When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

Prayer

Pastor Joe Zarro

Silence

Fourth Word

Ned Gulley, Payson Park

Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34: Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why have you forsaken me?”

Prayer

Pastor Eric Wefald

Silence

Fifth Word

Scott Stratford, Plymouth

John 19:28: Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, “I am thirsty.”

Prayer

Pastor Joe Zarro

Silence

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Sixth Word

Priscilla Elliot, Payson Park

John 19:30: When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, “It is accomplished.” Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

Prayer

Pastor Eric Wefald

Silence

Seventh Word

Doug Richardson, Plymouth

Luke 23:46: Then Jesus shouted, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!” And with those words he breathed his last.

Prayer

Pastor Joe Zarro

Silence

The Lord's Prayer *(trespasses or debts, as is your custom)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

“Were You There”

African-American spiritual

*Please sing along at home, or listen to our choir's section leaders,
Pauline, Julie, Sam, Greg.*

- 1) **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
- 2) **Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? . . .**
- 3) **Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry? . . .**

Depart in silence

We thank you all for participating in this evening's Good Friday service,
shared by the congregations of Plymouth and Payson Park.

We end our service tonight without any benediction.

You may remain online for silent meditation.

Go in Christ's peace, anticipating in faith that our Good Fridays become Easters.