WORSHIP

APRIL 18, 2025 | GOOD FRIDAY
A SERVICE OF SORROW AND SHADOWS

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

OPENING VOLUNTARY   Elegy on "O Sacred Head"
Kevin Norris
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP   Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary
In this holy week, on this holy night,   *written by Joanna Harader*
   We come to be present with Jesus in his suffering.
With the glory of Palm Sunday behind us and the victory of Easter not yet come,
   We gather with our breaking, our broken hearts.
In this world that is at once beautiful and holy and tragic,
   We seek to be present with all who suffer.
When sorrow threatens to overwhelm,
   We long for a brave and sacred space–
A space where we can listen and sing and pray,
   A space to sit with our grief and our questions.
Let us be that space for each other tonight
   As we remember the story together.

ANTHEM   "O Precious Lord"
Claire Cloninger
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION   Rev. Alice Hernandez

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 26:36-46

TAIZE CHANT | #204 "Stay With Me"

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SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 23:1-24

*HYMN | #218 "Ah Holy Jesus"

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ANTHEM   "Lacrimosa"
W. A. Mozart
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Piano

Lacrimosa dies illa	Full of tears will be that day
Qua resurget ex favilla	When from the ashes shall arise
Judicandus homo reus.	The guilty man to be judged;
Huic ergo parce, Deus:	Therefore spare him, O God,
Pie Jesu Domine,	Merciful Lord Jesus,
Dona eis requiem. Amen.	Grant them eternal rest. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 23:25-43

TAIZE CHANT | #227 "Jesus Remember Me"

REFLECTION

TAIZE CHANT | #227 "Jesus Remember Me"

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 23:42-49

ANTHEM   "Jesus Died on Calvry's Mountain"
Alice Parker
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Max Bitner, Baritone

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS
Please repeat the following after each set of reproaches:

> ...but you have made a cross for your Savior.
> **Holy God,**
> **Holy and mighty,**
> **Holy immortal One,**
> **have mercy upon us.**

Please depart in silence.