



GOOD FRIDAY

Dancing in the Dark

IN AWE OF GRACE WORSHIP SERIES



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

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Pre-service music

“God So Loved the World”
by John Stainer © 1965 by Hal Leonard Corporation

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor Rick Casebolt and Adriana Hernandez

Prelude

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?”
by George N. Allen: arr. by Cindy Berry © 2013 by Alfred Music

***Call to Worship**

Jan Casebolt

Leader: In the name of Christ we gather on this day of Good Friday to remember anew the struggle of the cross and the final victory.

People: With you, Lord, we wish to remain.

Leader: Let us walk together to the cross, see our Lord’s suffering, hear his voice pleading for drink, and asking for pardon for those who tortured him mercilessly.

People: O, how to hold back the tears in the midst of so much pain? And even then, you taught us how to love.

Leader: When the day darkened and it seemed to envelop the whole earth, we thought all was lost.

People: But amid the darkness, we saw your light.

Leader: It was there when the sun darkened and the temple veil tore in half that we heard your voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Then there was peace.

People: In the midst of life’s darkness, peace also comes when, with complete confidence, we offer ourselves to you, beloved Lord.

Leader: Because in that hour of darkness and pain your light shone brightly when the centurion exclaimed, “Truly this man is the Son of God.”

All: With you, Lord, we wish to remain.

***Opening Hymn**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” vs. 1-4

#626

French carol melody; transl. Gerard Moultrie; harm. from The English Hymnal

***Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, we gather to recount and recall the injustice, pain, and suffering your Son endured on the cross at the hands of sinful humanity. Grant us awareness as we enter the story of Christ’s Passion, that in not shirking away from Christ’s suffering, we would be surprised by grace, because even in humiliating and shameful death, your love never failed. Train our hearts on the Light that is the life of all people, that as the darkness encroaches, we might remain tenacious in hope and persistent in love. Amen.

Anthem

“Worthy is the Lamb of God”
by Tom Fettke © 2016 Hope Publishing Company

The Chancel Choir

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

I: Judas

II: Annas and Caiaphas

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vs. 1, 2 #290

III: Simon Peter

IV: Jesus before the High Priest

Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This?" vs. 1-3 #292

V: Peter's Denial

VI: Pilate

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" vs. 1, 2 #289

VII: Truth

VIII: Barabbas

Hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" vs. 1-3 #286

IX: Crucify Him!

X: Pilate

XI: King of the Jews

Special Music "My Lord Walked Down the Via Dolorosa"

by Stephen DeCesare (Exulted Music)

Ernie Broughton | Jo Goslar | Marilyn Harter

XII: Casting Lots

XIII: The Women at the Cross

XIV: It is Finished

Hymn "Alas Did My Savior Bleed" vs. 1, 3 #294

XV: Pierced

XVI: Buried

Benediction and Dismissal

Thank you for joining our service tonight!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

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EASTER DAY
The End that Wasn't
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6:00 am 8:00 am 9:30 am*
* livestream also available at firststumcgilbert.org



FirstKidz and Resurrection Episcopal Church Present
Easter Egg Hunt
All are welcome! 10:30 am April 9
Everyone is invited to a combined Easter Egg Hunt!
The entire family can gather eggs filled with
Easter blessings and surprises!



**Pancake Breakfast
on Easter Sunday
All are Welcome!**
BSA Scouting is hosting Easter Breakfast
on Sunday, April 9 from 7 -11am in the Activity Center
All families and friends are welcome – you don't have
to be a member of the Church or Scouting unit.
Donations are accepted and help Scouts attend
Summer Camp and purchase camping equipment for
Troops 88 and 3088.