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**Good Friday**

**April 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

Prelude

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Call to Worship

**Leader:** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. We ask you, sisters and brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

**Congregation:** **Does God expect me to be kind and loving to those who use my labor to build up their wealth and prosperity? The sweat from my brow and the callouses on my hands allow my master to live in great luxury while I struggle to provide food enough for my children. If we are God’s chosen people as the ancient texts tell us, why are we kept in such a lowly state?**

**Leader:** And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but be kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil. Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

**Congregation:** **Then why does God allow our rulers who profess to embrace the same faith and teachings as we do; why are they allowed to be selfish and cruel in their actions? And does God not see the chief priests of God’s temple dress themselves in luxurious raiment and profit by appropriating the meager tithes of the poor and destitute. How is this conduct practicing humility? If God opposes the proud, why does God not punish those who are arrogant and care only about themselves?**

**Leader:** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And judge not, that you be not

judged. For with the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

**Congregation: But does God not understand that we are judged every day of our lives? By our clothes we are judged to be poor. By our speech we are judged to be ignorant. By the color of our skin, we are judged to be inferior. By the way we are subjugated by our rulers we are judged to be expendable. To cast off our bitterness and anger is not an easy thing to do.**

Leader: Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. And let us be ever mindful that whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the teachings of the Prophets.

All: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Thanks be to God.

Hymn	<a href="#">“Ah, Holy Jesus”</a>	
First Scripture	Matthew 26:57;59-63	The Judgement
Hear the Word	Justice	
Second Scripture	John 18:28-38	The Power of Rome
Hear the Word	Freedom	
Third Scripture	Luke 23:13-25	The Darkness
Hear the Word	Hope	
Hymn	<a href="#">“Go to Dark Gethsemane”</a>	Verses 3 & 4
Fourth Scripture	The Agony	John 19:17-24 Luke 23:39-43
Hear the Word	Sacrifice	
Special Music	“They Crucified My Lord”	

Leader: What does God expect of us? Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be your slave just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

**Congregation: God expects us to be good servants.**

Leader: What does God expect of us? Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

**Congregation: God expects us to be generous givers.**

Leader: What does God expect of us? For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**Congregation: God expects us to encourage and support others.**

Leader: What does God expect of us? For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**Congregation: God expects us to be forgiving.**

Leader: What does God expect of us? I will teach you the way that is good and right. Be sure to respect and honor the Lord and serve faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things God has done for you.

**Congregation: God expects us to be faithful. We pray for the strength and the courage to do all that God expects of us.**

The Lesson of Judas Iscariot and Mary Magdalene

Hear the Word                      Empathy

The Lesson of the High Priest and the Publican

Hear the Word                      Benevolence

The Lesson of Pontius Pilate and the Malefactor

Hear the Word

Faith

Hymn

[“Were You There”](#)

Verses 1-3

Fifth Scripture

Luke 23:44-49

The Light of the World is Extinguished

Hymn

[“Were You There”](#)

Verses 4 & 5

Benediction

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