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Stanford Memorial Church
Interdenominational Good Friday Service
29 March 2013
Noon

We focus on the theme of this holy day through prayer and contemplation:
the cross of Jesus Christ, and the crosses of our own world and in our own time.

*PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Joanne Sanders
Associate Dean for Religious Life

(Responses of the people are in italics)

Grieving God, on the cross Christ embraced death even as he had embraced life: faithfully and with good courage. Grant that we who have been born out of Jesus’ wounded side may hold fast to our faith and may find mercy in all times of need. Amen.

*HYMN

Christ Jesus Knew a Wilderness

RESPONSIVE PSALM
Psalm 22
Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P.
Catholic Community at Stanford

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

*All who are able, please stand.

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. No photography during the service.
To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.  

But I am a worm, a living reproach and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  

"Commit your cause to the Holy One; let God deliver and rescue the one in whom Thou delights!"

They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.  

But you, O God, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Do not be far from me; be the center of the center of the circle;  

Be the strength of that center.

In the midst of everyone I will compose praises with my lips.  

And those who enter your awesomeness through my words will also praise.

All the seed of Jacob will glorify you and live in awe of you.  

All those who question and struggle will dawn with your light.

For they will know you have not scorned the poor and despised,  

Nor recoiled disgusted from their faces.

From them your spark has never been hidden;  

And when they cried out in their misery you heard and answered and ennobled them.

And it is the astonishment of this that I will praise in the Great Assembly, making deep vows in the presence of those who know your heart, know that in you the meek eat and are satisfied.

And all who seek and struggle find the tongue to praise, saying to you:  

ALL: May your heart live forever, may all the ends of the earth remember and return to you.

MUSIC  

Quae Maerebat et Dolebat  (Who mourned and grieved, and trembled,  

and as she witnessed the torment of her glorious Son)  

Ruth Escher, alto  

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710 – 1736)  

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12:34:12.9  

Appendix to Win, Walker’s Southern Harmony, c. 1863  

Harm, The New Century Hymnal, 1993  

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Christ Jesus Knew a Wilderness

1. Christ Jesus knew a wilderness
   Of noonday heat and nighttime cold,
   Of doubts and hungers, new and old,
   Temptation waiting to take hold.

2. Christ Jesus knew uncertainty.
   Would all forsake, deny, betray?
   Would crowds that followed turn away?
   Would powers of evil hold their sway?

3. Christ Jesus knew an upper room,
   An olive grove, a judgment hall
   A skull-like hill, a drink of gall,
   An airless tomb, bereft of all.

4. Christ Jesus, in our wilderness,
   You are our bread, our drink, our light.
   Your death and rising set things right.
   Your presence puts our fears to flight.

Text: Jane Parker Huber
Tune: Old Hundredth

PASSION GOSPEL

John 18:1-19:42

SERMON

Prodigal Angles
Mary C. Greene

MUSIC

Fac ut portem Christi mortem
(Grant that I may bear the death of Christ)

Pergolesi

*LITANY OF THE CROSS

Fr. Isaiah Molano, O.P
Catholic Community at Stanford
Pr. Greg Schaefer
Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry

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

In the cross, O God, you cry out with the voiceless: Among those who are victimized by violence and oppression, among the silent ones who have no advocate, with the poor ones who stretch loaves to feed their hungry children.

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

In the cross, O God, you make your bed with lepers: Beside those with HIV/AIDS and all who suffer disease; among the mentally ill and the depressed.

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

In the cross, O God, you embrace the darkness of the world: You walk in solidarity with the despised and rejected, the untouchable, the unmentionable and the unlovable.

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

In the cross, O God, you sound the trumpet of repentance: You raise before our eyes the history of injustice, calling nations and peoples to embrace life and peace.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

In the cross, O God, you speak to us by name: You meet us in the darkest places of our hearts, where fear, anxiety, self-hatred, and despair threaten to extinguish the light of your love.

(Silence)

By your cross, O Christ, you have redeemed us;
Save us and help us, we beseech you, O God.

We veil our faces before your glory, O Holy and Immortal One, and bow before the cross of your wounded Christ. With Angels and Archangels, we praise you, our Mercy, and we bless you, our Compassion, for in our brokenness you have not abandoned us. Hear us as we pray: Heal all division, reconcile the estranged, console the suffering, and raise up to new life all that is bound by death. Amen.

Behold the wood of the cross.
O come let us adore Christ, our strength and our redeemer.

*HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Members of the congregation may come forward to venerate the cross according to their own custom.

Those who wish to do so may remain in the church for prayer and meditation. We ask others to please exit in silence.

Our guest preacher, Mary Carter Greene, is a seminarian and Postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of California. She is studying for a Master’s Degree in Divinity at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley and hopes to be ordained an Episcopal priest. Mary is the mother of two teen-aged boys and lives in Cupertino. She has a Master’s Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language and she teaches English to international college-aged students at San Jose State University.