



SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

First Presbyterian Church

Tallahassee, Florida

April 18, 2025, 6:00 PM

Land Acknowledgement

As we come to worship, we acknowledge that the land on which we are meeting is the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Apalachee, Miccosukee, Seminole, and Black Seminole peoples. The people who called this beautiful land home for millennia were decimated, forcibly removed, and coerced from their homes. We the church recognize, remember, and are challenged by the stewardship of these indigenous peoples and their land. We acknowledge that the building in which we worship was built on the backs of enslaved peoples and funded by the sweat of their brows. We also acknowledge that until the mid-20th century we excluded people based on race. We repent of our complicity in the harm done to our siblings in the human family. We see our wrongs. We remember their place in our story, and we commit to shape our worship and service to reflect God's dream for a world where all members of the human family live together in justice and peace.

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

Ethan Murphy

My God, my God, why have you forsaken us?

**We cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.**

Yet in you our ancestors trusted.

They trusted you and you delivered them.

**So we praise you among the great congregation,
telling all of our siblings of God's deliverance.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and return to the Lord.

Dominion belongs to the Lord,
and God rules over the nations.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 218

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ,
our betrayal, denial, and violence
paved the way to your cross.
We know it is preposterous,
in light of our cruelty,
to ask anything of you,
in light of your pain;
but we pray earnestly:
Have mercy on us,
for we cannot bear the weight of our sin.
Save us in your unfathomable love.**

*Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Pulliam

First Reading

John 18:1–11

... *“Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”*

Hymn 225, v. 1

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

FORTUNATUS NEW

Second Reading

John 18:12–24

Barbara Busharis

... *Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.*

Hymn 225, v. 2

Third Reading

John 18:25–38a

Carla Connors

... *Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”*

Hymn 225, v. 3

Fourth Reading

John 18:38b–19:16a

Miriam Gurniak

... *Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.*

Hymn 225, v. 4

Fifth Reading

John 19:16b–22

Don Winstead

... *“What I have written I have written.”*

Hymn 225, v. 5

Sixth Reading

John 19:23–30

Mary Hodges

... *Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Voluntary

Meditation on Pange lingua (Sing, my tongue)

Michael Burkhardt

Seventh Reading

John 19:31–42

Tim Hoekman

Anthem

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

David Hurd

*O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn:
O kingly head, surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn;
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflow’r?
O countenance whose splendor
The hosts of heav’n adore!*

*Thy beauty, long desired,
Hath vanished from our sight:
Thy pow’r is all expired,
And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
Hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest,
The brightness of Thy face.*

*In Thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry.
With Thee for my salvation
Upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
To stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-beloved,
Yet thank Thee for Thy death.*

Remain in the sanctuary as long as you wish. Depart in silence.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — **We offer prayers for healing** for Cole (grandson of Rich Peyton), Alan Williams, Martha Kutter, Sandy Burkholder, Wayne Friedemann, Morris Springer, Patricia Yeilding, Cindy Harden, Carol Lou Phillips, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, and Martha Snowden. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for the family and friends of Carol Lou Phillips, who died this week, Evanna (Wayne Friedemann's sister), Patricia McCoy Delancey, Thaddeus Gillon, and Aidan (grandson of Sue Safford). We pray for the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend and all our mission partners, and for victims of gun violence in our community and our country. We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. We pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us on Easter Sunday: Easter breakfast and egg hunt, Sunday, April 20, at 9:30 AM; Easter Service of Communion at 11 AM.

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the back door. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T-telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large print versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here with us. If you have questions about our congregation or about church membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people.

Check-in



Let us know
you came to
Worship today



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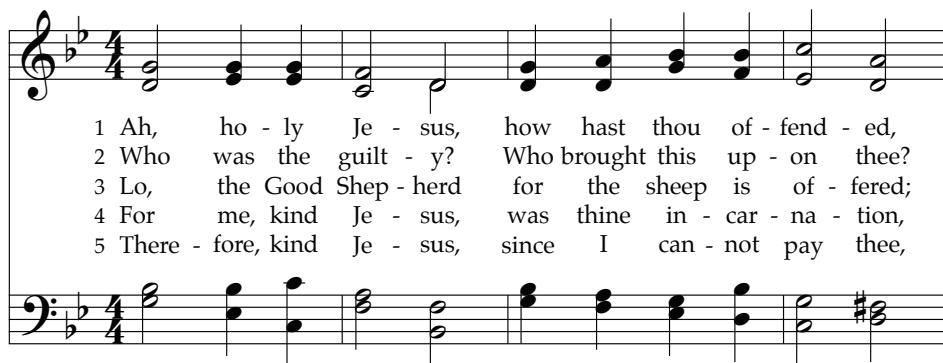
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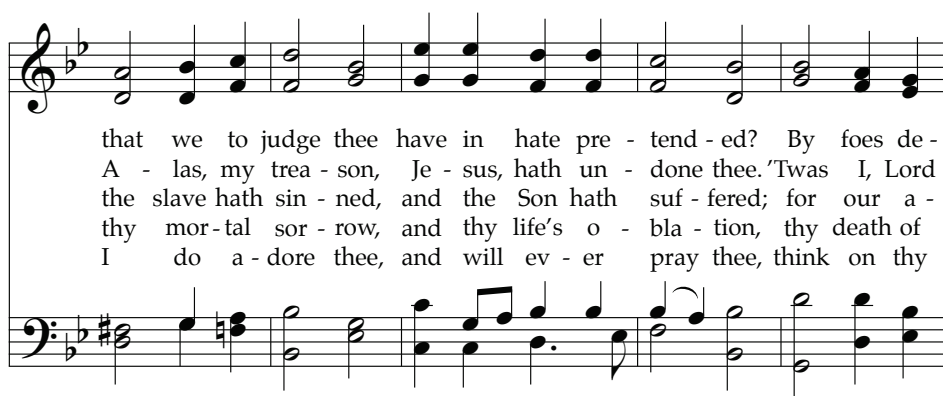
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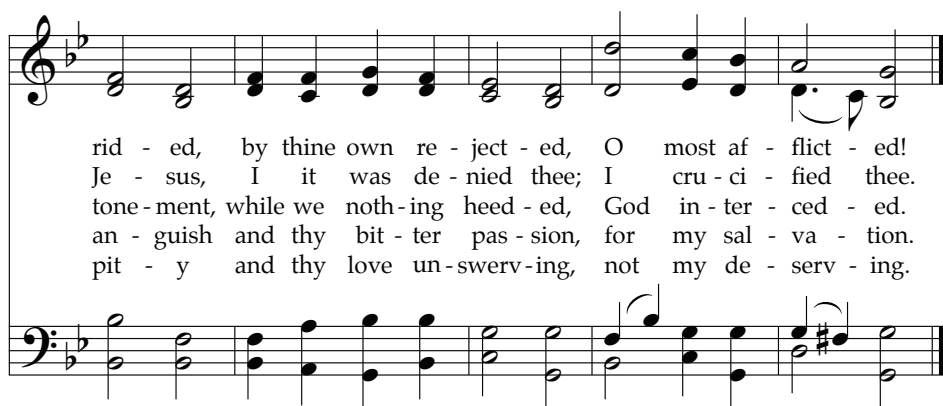
Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

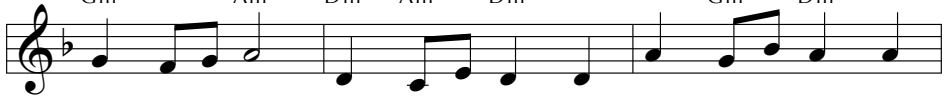
Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle 225

Capo 5: (Am) (Em) (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Am)
 Dm Am Dm Gm Dm F Dm



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the tri - umph
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fall - en, sunk in shame and
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap - point - ed
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus went from
 5 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the

(Dm) (Em) (Am) (Em) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm Am Dm Am Dm Gm Dm



far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous sto - ry
 mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's gar - den,
 time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,

(C) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am) (Dm) (Am) (G)
 F Dm Gm Am Dm Gm Dm C



of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied; tell how Christ, the
 where in pride we claimed the tree; then an - oth - er
 left for us the heaven - ly home, blazed the path of
 did his work and met his death; like a lamb he
 none in fruit your e - qual be; sym - bol of the

(C) (Dm) (Em) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 F Gm Am Dm Gm Am Dm



world's re - deem - er, van - quished death the day he died.
 tree was cho - sen, which the world from death would free.
 true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This enduring and profound meditation on the mystery of the cross was written in Latin in the 6th century, translated into English in the 19th century, and revised in the 21st century. It is set here to a simple, dignified, and sturdy melody created for it in the 20th century.