



# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2, 2021



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

**Prelude:** "Be Still My Soul"

Gordon Black, *Piano* and Jim Cochran, *Organ*

Jean Sibelius  
(1865-1957)

### Call to Worship

*And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,  
And we loved darkness rather than light.*

**God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.**

*For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world,  
But that the world might be saved through him.*

**Every one who does evil hates the light,**

**And does not come to the light.**

**But all who do what is true come to the light.**

*Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.*

**Solo:** "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

William Horsley  
(1774-1858)

### Opening Prayer

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray:*

*Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; for ever and ever.*

**Amen.**

**Reading 1**

<sup>1</sup> It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; <sup>2</sup> for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Jim Muir

**Reading 2**

<sup>3</sup> While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup> But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Karen Chappler

**Reading 3**

<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup> When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Susie Hilton

**Solo:** "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Johann Heermann  
(1585-1647)

**Reading 4**

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." <sup>16</sup> So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Judy Davis

**Reading 5**

<sup>17</sup> When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup> They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is

written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow  
*The first candle is extinguished.*

**Solo:** “Andante for Oboe”

Connie Weiss, *Oboe*

Jean Baptiste Loeillet  
(1688-1721)

### Reading 6

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup> He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jim Muir

**Solo:** “Jesus, Remember Me”

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Jacques Berthier  
(1923-1721)

The image shows a musical score for a solo piece titled "Jesus, Remember Me". The score is written for Soprano voice and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and E-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom." repeated twice. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols are provided above the staff: E-flat, Fm/E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, Cm, Fm/A-flat, B-flat, and E-flat. The score is divided into two systems, with a measure rest in the middle.

### Reading 7

<sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ <sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” <sup>31</sup> But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

Karen Chappler  
*The second candle is extinguished.*

### Reading 8

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” <sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to them, “Are you

still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Susie Hilton

*The third candle is extinguished.*

**Solo:** "He Never Said a Mumblin' Word"

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

Moses Hogan  
(1957-2003)

### Reading 9

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled.

Judy Davis

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

### Reading 10

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup> Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup> Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup> But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>61</sup> But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" <sup>62</sup> Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, 'and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" <sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

**Solo:** "Jesu Meine Freude"

John Weiss, *Cello*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### Reading 11

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from

Nazareth.” <sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup> And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup> But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup> But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” <sup>72</sup> At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Jim Muir

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

### Reading 12

<sup>1</sup> As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Karen Chappler

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

### Reading 13

<sup>2</sup> Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” <sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Susie Hilton

*The eighth candle is extinguished.*

**Solo:** “Jesus, Remember Me”

Berthier

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

### Reading 14

<sup>6</sup> Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup> So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup> Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup> Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup> They shouted back, “Crucify him!” <sup>14</sup> Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Judy Davis

*The ninth candle is extinguished.*

### Reading 15

<sup>16</sup> Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup> They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> After mocking

him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Jim Muir

*The tenth candle is extinguished.*

### Reading 16

<sup>21</sup> They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup> Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Karen Chappler

*The eleventh candle is extinguished.*

**Solo:** "Tis Finished"

Deborah Govenor

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

(b. 1954)

### Reading 17

<sup>33</sup> When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup> At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup> And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup> Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*The twelfth candle is extinguished. The Christ candle is removed.*

**Solo** "Were You There?"

Hogan

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

### Reading from Isaiah 53:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## Dismissal

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever. Amen.



### WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor***

*Liturgists*

**Karen Chappler**

**Judy Davis**

**Susie Hilton**

**Jim Muir**

**Dr. James Cochran, Director of Music, *playing***  
*the **Richard and Patricia Fors Organ** given to the Glory of God*  
*and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.*

**Gordon Black, *Piano***

**Michele Byrd, *Soprano***

**Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano***

**Connie Weiss, *Oboe***

**John Weiss, *Cello***

**Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita**

Due to the challenges of the pandemic and our sanctuary seating capacity, we are unable to have in-person worship for Easter Sunday. This service will be available as a virtual worship service on our website, [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org). Please know that we have made these decisions in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy. Thank you for understanding.

## Easter Sunday Virtual Worship

Sunday, April 4, 2021

The Easter Sunday Service will be a festive celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Special music provided by:

James Cochran, *Organ*

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*



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