

An Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Prelude

Create in Me

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Welcome and Greetings,

Rev. Josh Simon,
First Congregational Church of Essex Junction

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are
welcome to worship with us as ...

Ah, Holy Jesus

Ascension Lutheran Church

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Responsive Reading

One Voice: The people stood yelling,

Many Voices: "Crucify!"

and it breaks our hearts every time. For Jesus' death occurs every time someone is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.

Many Voices: "Crucify!"

One Voice: tears away at God's Beloved.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Ecumenical Choir
Evan Allen, Organist
Carol Spradling, Producer

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Rev. Karen A. Mendes, First Baptist, Burlington

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke, Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (23:32-34a)

Reflection

Here is Love

Williston Federated Church

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“This day you shall be with me in paradise.”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Wright, Ascension Lutheran Church

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke: One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (23:39-43)

Reflection

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Come and Mourn

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“Woman, behold your son.”

Rev. Katelyn Macrae, Richmond Congregational Church

A Reading from the Gospel according to John, And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his

mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (19:25b-27)

Reflection

The Old Rugged Cross

First Congregational Church of Burlington

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Rev. Josh Simon, First Congregational Church of Essex Junction:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark: When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 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?" (15:33-34)

Reflection

What Wondrous Love is This?

First Congregational Church of Essex Junction

"I am thirsty"

Rev. Mark Mendes, First Congregational Church of Essex Junction

A Reading from the Gospel according to John: After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." (19:28)

Reflection

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Rev. Elissa Johnk, First Congregational Church of Burlington

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. (23:44-46)

Reflection

Sacred Head Now Wounded

Ester Nui, Organ
Richmond Congregational Church

"It is Finished"

Rev. Paul Eyer, Williston Federated Church

A Reading from the Gospel according to John: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (19:29-30)

Reflection

"Were You There"

Jen Greenwood, Vocalist
Richmond Congregational Church

Now ends our worship.

Go in peace

Amen.