



*The Cross And The Lynching Tree (Unknown Artist)*

# Good Friday

## April 10, 2020

### Tenebrae Worship



UNITED PARISH IN BROOKLINE

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Brookline, Massachusetts

**\*INTROIT**

*El Malei Rachamim*  
Hebrew Chant

Kent French  
Senior Pastor

*El Malei Rachamim shochein bamromim,  
hamtzei m'nuchah n'chonah  
tachat kanfei hash'chinah,  
im k'doshim ut'horim k'zohar harakiya mazhirim  
et nishmat shehalach l'olamo.  
Ba'al harachamim,  
yastireihu b'seiter k'nafav l'olamim.  
V'yitzror bitzror hachayim et nishmato,  
Adonai hu nachalato,  
v'yanu'ach b'shalom al mishkavo,  
v'nomar, amein.*

*O God, full of compassion, Thou dwellest on high!  
Beneath the sheltering wings of Thy presence,  
among the holy and pure who shine  
as the brightness of the firmament,  
grant perfect rest unto the souls  
of our dear ones who have gone unto eternity.  
Lord of mercy,  
bring them under the cover of Thy wings,  
and let their souls be bound up  
in the bond of eternal life.  
Be Thou their portion,  
and may they rest in peace. Amen.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** by Pastor Carol Penner (adapted)

Jazmine Buchanan  
Seminarian

One: Slowly, we come to worship on this holy Friday.  
**All: Reluctantly, we hear the story of Jesus' suffering.**  
One: Bleakly, we follow Jesus to the cross.  
**All: Humbly, we acknowledge our part in his passion.**  
One: Deeply, we yearn to understand the depth of this sacrifice.  
**All: Solemnly, we gather this night to pray and worship together.**

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Kent French  
Senior Pastor

## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### First Station: Jesus is condemned.

*When day came, the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law met together, and Jesus was brought before the Council. "Tell us," they said, "are you the Messiah?" He answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me; and if I ask you a question, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right side of Almighty God." They all said, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He answered them, "You say that I am." And they said, "We don't need any witnesses! We ourselves have heard what he said!"*

Luke 22:66-71



The death chamber at the Georgia Diagnostic Prison in Jackson, GA.

In 2017, the NAACP Criminal Justice Department reported that black Americans make up 13% of the population, but they make up 42% of death row and 35% of those executed.

(Photography by Erik S. Lesser)

## Second Station: Jesus takes his cross.

*He went out, carrying his cross, and came to “The Place of the Skull,” as it is called. (In Hebrew it is called “Golgotha.”)*

John 19:17



Man pulls the weight of poverty, San Francisco, California, 2015.  
(Photography by Robert Galbraith/Reuters)

### Third Station: Jesus falls for the first time.

*Once Herod realized that he had been deceived by the astrologers, he became furious.  
He ordered the massacre of all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem.*

Matthew 2:16

*Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.  
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.  
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.  
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.*

Psalms 53:4-7



Mass grave for several hundred Native Americans, half of whom were women and children, killed by soldiers of the United States Army at Wounded Knee, located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota, 1890. (Photographer unknown)



## Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother, Mary.

*Speak this word to them: 'Let my eyes overflow with tears night and day without ceasing; for my people have suffered a grievous wound, a crushing blow.'*

Jeremiah 14:17

*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.*

John 19:26-27



A mother of a child, suspected of dying from Ebola, cries near her child's coffin. in Benin, 2014 (Photography by Goran Tomasevic / Reuters)

## Fifth Station: Simon helps Jesus.

*“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’*

*“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’*

Matthew 25:44-45

*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.*

Mark 15:21



A medical worker attending to a patient in the intensive-care unit at Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University in Wuhan, China, on January 24, 2020. (Photography by Xiong Qi)

## Sixth Station: Veronica helps Jesus.

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*

John 15:12

*And the king will answer them,*

*'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'*

Matthew 25:40



A police officer helps evacuate people from the area around the World Trade Center, September 11, 2001. (Photography by Mario Tama)



## Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time.

*I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;  
all day long I go around mourning.  
For my loins are filled with burning,  
and there is no soundness in my flesh.  
I am utterly spent and crushed;  
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.  
O Lord, all my longing is known to you;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.  
My heart throbs, my strength fails me;  
as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.  
My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction,  
and my neighbors stand far off.*

Psalm 38:6-11



The last Redondo Beach, Californian residents of Japanese ancestry were forcibly moved out by truck to relocation camps, World War II. (Photographer unknown)

## **Eighth Station: Jesus consoles the women.**

*A great number of the people followed him,  
and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.  
But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem,  
do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.  
For the days are surely coming when they will say,  
'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'*

Luke 23:27-29



Italians making music from their homes to console those affected by Covid-19, 2020.  
(Photographer unknown)

## Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time.

*Jesus replied: 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have three times denied that you know Me.'*

Luke 22:34

*Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when he delights in our way;  
though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.*

Psalm 37:23-24



A boy cries out for help as a half-sunken catamaran carrying around 150 refugees, most of them Syrians, arrives at the Greek island of Lesbos, October 30, 2015.  
(Photography by CNS/Giorgos Moutafis, Reuters)

## Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped.

*When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts,  
one for each soldier.*

*They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.*

*So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."*

*This was to fulfill what the scripture says,*

*"They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."*

*And this is what the soldiers did.*

*Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary Magdalene.*

John 19:23-25



Grief stricken, unknown date and location (Photographer unknown)

### SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

*The Crucifixion*  
by Samuel Barber

Kristen Murdaugh, soloist

*At the cry of the first bird  
They began to crucify Thee, O Swan!  
Never shall lament cease because of that.  
It was like the parting of day from night.  
Ah, sore was the suffering borne*

*By the body of Mary's Son,  
But sorer still to Him was the grief  
Which for His sake  
Came upon His Mother.*



## Eleventh Station: Jesus is crucified.

*And when they had crucified him,  
they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;  
then they sat down there and kept watch over him.  
Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,  
“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”*

Matthew 27: 35-37



A 1930 lynching of two black men, in Marion, Indiana  
Between 1882-1968, 7,743 lynchings occurred in the United States.  
72.7% of the people lynched were black. (Photographer unknown)

## Twelfth Station: Jesus dies.

*From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land...  
And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.  
At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.  
The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open.*

Matthew 27:45; 50-52



Bushfires in Terrey Hills, Australia, 2019. According to the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration 2019 Global Climate Summary, the combined land and ocean temperature has increased at an average rate of 0.13°F per decade since 1880; however, the average rate of increase since 1981 0.32°F is more than twice as great. (Photography by Australian firefighters)

## Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross.

*Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God.*

*This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.*

Luke 23:50-52



The funeral of Eric Garner, an unarmed Black father and son, who was placed in an unauthorized chokehold that killed him by NYPD Officer Pantaleo for suspicion of selling cigarettes. African-Americans are less than 13 percent of the total U.S. population but account for 23% of those shot by police in 2017, according to the *Washington Post*. Mourners fill the chapel as Eric Garner's casket is carried down the aisle after the service, Staten Island, New York, 2014. (Photography by Julia Xanthos)

## Fourteenth Station: Jesus is buried.

*Then Joseph took Jesus down, wrapped him in linen cloth and placed him in a tomb cut in the rock,  
one in which no one had yet been laid.*

*It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.*

Luke 23:53-54



Queer folks taking ashes of their loved ones who died by AIDS and throwing them onto the White House Lawn, as they faced government silence and neglect, October 13, 1996. In 1982, Larry Speakes, press secretary for President Reagan, laughed when asked about whether the president was tracking the spread of AIDS. (Photography by ACT UP New York)



HYMN

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

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verse 1

STILLE NACHT

Ania Kokocinski, soloist and guitarist

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

TOLLING OF THE BELL

*33 times for each of year of Jesus' life*

CLOSING PRAYER

Jaz Buchanan  
Seminarian

Tonight, may we find salvation in Remembering,  
Remembering our loved ones,  
Remembering those who have died on crosses  
of execution chambers, lynching trees,  
police brutality, war, neglect,  
poverty, natural disaster, disease.  
Remembering all those who came before us,  
who lived as Jesus of Nazareth did,  
flipping and turning tables of injustices.  
May we honor their lives by continuing God's work,  
embracing the living Christ among us and within us,  
creating an earth as it is in heaven.

ANTHEM

*Were You There?*  
African-American Spiritual

Jim DeSelms, tenor

*We will end the service in silence and start a new Zoom session for those who would like to continue  
worshiping in silent prayer and meditation. To join, please visit: [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) Meeting ID: 143 235  
615 Password: 897369*

*We invite you to join us for the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.*

Worship - 11:00 am (YouTube Channel)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBSIFm-dInCgFhtKMQRXpbA>

# WELCOME

We at the United Parish in Brookline believe that all people are made in the image of God and embrace and cherish every person and every kind of family. Jesus Christ welcomed everyone; we seek to follow his example in our own life and worship, by extending God's love and grace abundantly and equally to everyone. We affirm and welcome all people to share in worship, fellowship and leadership with us, to join us in a diversity of race, gender, sexual identity, physical and mental ability, ethnicity and economic means.

We have joined with other Open and Affirming (United Church of Christ) and Welcoming and Affirming (American Baptist Churches USA), as well as with the Reconciling Ministries Network (United Methodist Churches) to declare that we are and will remain open to all people.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the United Parish family. You may become a member by transferring membership or by a statement of faith. If you desire to retain ties with a former church, we invite you to become an associate or affiliate member for the time you are with us.

*We ask that you silence all electronic devices.  
Please see an usher if you would like a hearing assistive device.*

*Because our building is open to the public,  
an adult should accompany children if/when they leave the worship service.*

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