

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

Good Friday • April 18, 2025 12:00 PM

When this symbol (✠) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

“Passion Chorale”

Max Reger

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

Jesus said: If any of you want to be my disciples, take up the cross and follow me.

Those who seek to save their lives will lose them, but those who give their lives for Christ's sake will be saved.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Rev. Jonathan Boynton

✠ HYMN 224

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ROCKINGHAM

LITANY OF CONFESSION Rev. Webster Gibson

We can truly share only in a limited measure in the suffering of others.

We are not Christ,

but if we want to be Christians

it means that we are to take part in Christ's greatness of heart,

in the responsible action

that in freedom seizes the hour and faces the danger,

and in the true sympathy that springs forth not from fear

but from Christ's freeing and redeeming love for all who suffer.

Inactive waiting and dully looking on are not Christian responses.

Christians are called to action and sympathy

not through their own firsthand experiences

but by the immediate experience of [others]

for whose sake Christ suffered.

It is infinitely easier to suffer in obedience to a human command

than in the freedom of one's very own responsible action.

It is infinitely easier to suffer in community with others,

than in solitude.

It is infinitely easier to suffer publicly and with honor,

than in the shadow and in dishonor.

It is infinitely easier to suffer through putting one's bodily life at stake

than to suffer through the spirit.

Christ suffered:

In freedom,

in solitude,

in the shadow and in dishonor,

in body and in spirit.

Since then, many Christians have suffered with him.
**We confess that we have chosen ease over the cost of discipleship,
indolence over action,
we have turned away from injustice,
all the while knowing that Christ's hands and feet are our own.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Webster Gibson

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" Brian Hobbs, soloist Spiritual

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 52:13-53:12* Rev. Martha Sims, *Psalms 22* Rev. DeLyn Celec

MEDITATION "A Reading of John 18:1-19:42 in Four Voices"

CLOSING PRAYER Rev. DeLyn Celec

✠ **HYMN 228** "Were You There" WERE YOU THERE

Depart in Silence

Worship Leadership

The Rev. Martha Miller Sims, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Rev. Jonathan M. Boynton, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Rev. Webster Gibson, Christ Episcopal Church

The Rev. DeLyn Celec, Shenandoah University Chaplain

The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas, First Presbyterian Church

Pat Byers, organist First Presbyterian Church

Brian Hobbs, soloist
