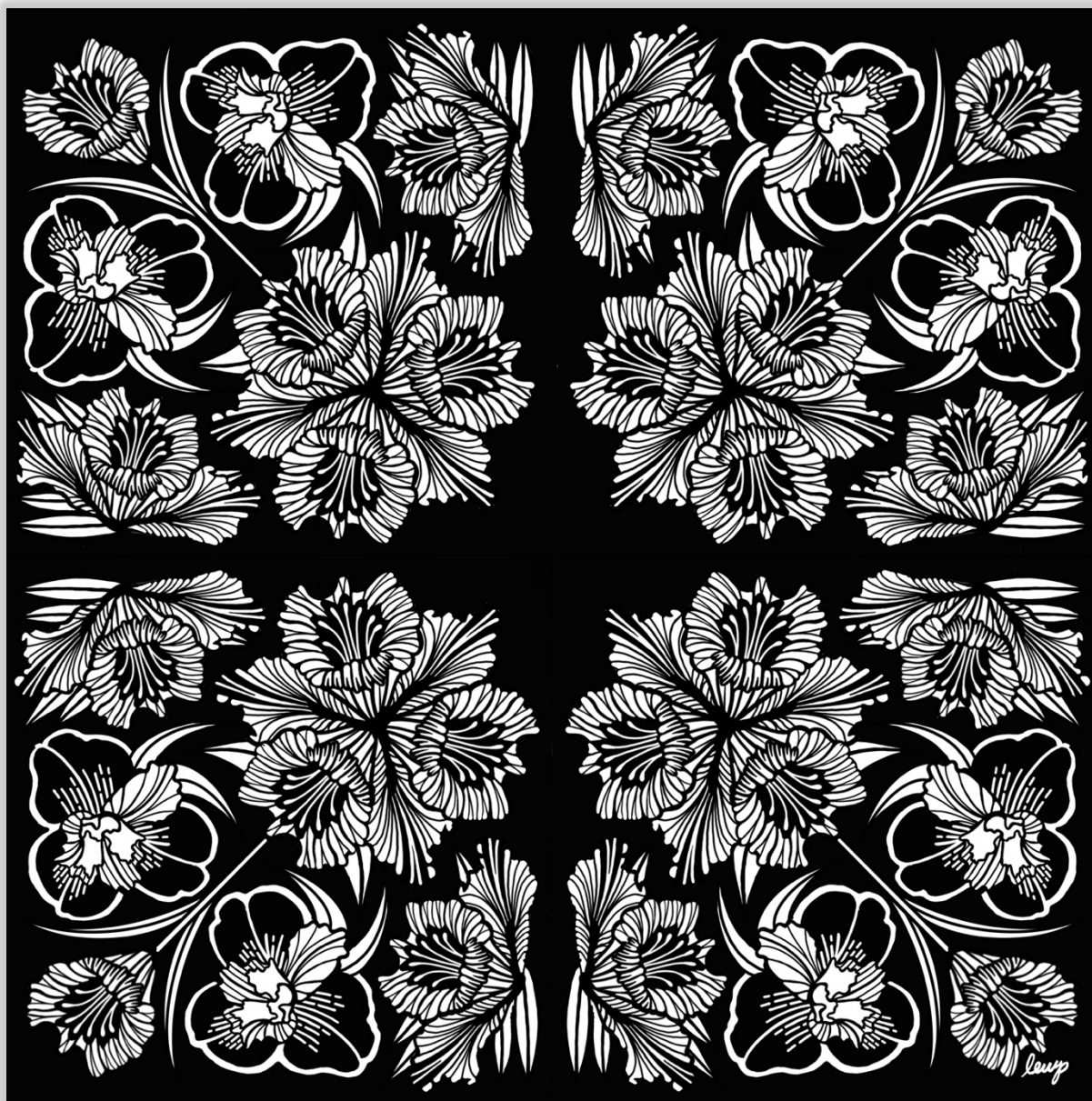


# Good Friday



“The Cross Remains”  
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## Prelude

“Prelude in E Minor” (Chopin) Annette Nolan (12:00 noon)

“Scenes from Gethsemane” Rob Beyersdorf (6:30pm)

## Opening Reading

Psalm 22:1-11

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm, and not human;

scorned by others, and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock at me;

they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup> “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

<sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth,

and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near

and there is no one to help.

## Gathering

L: On this most holy of days, we join those first disciples to bury our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ. We remember his life and lament his death.

*(Community stands as the Cross is carried into the gathering.)*

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

L: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were buried into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

L: Let us pray.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life: We glorify you.

**C: We glorify you.**

L: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life: We praise you.

**C: We praise you.**

L: Holy Spirit, sacred breath and sustainer of life, the comforter of all who sorrow,

our sure confidence and everlasting hope: We worship you.

**C: We worship you.**

L: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

<b>Song</b>	“Stay with Us” (Taize)	Carol Riddell (12:00noon)
<b>Song</b>	“I Thought By Now”	Laura Torrence (6:30pm)

### **Prayer of the Day**

L: God of community, we gather in your presence in this safe place. We are your straying sheep and your loved children. We gather to hear the story of your love embodied in Jesus and expressed through his death, on a Cross, outside a city wall. We gather to reflect and to remember his unending love for us. May we know your presence in this time of sharing, in the story, in our silence, and in our music.

**C: Amen.**

<b>Song</b>	“Within Our Darkest Night”	Carol Riddell (12:00 noon)
		Rob Beyersdorf (6:30pm)

**Peter's Eulogy**

Jake Dailey

**Song**

“Bless the Lord”

Carol Riddell (12:00 noon)

Laura Torrence (6:30pm)

**Mary Magdalene's Eulogy**

Arlene Cash

**Prayers of Lament**

**Prayer of Commendation**

L: Let us take a moment of silence to remember the life-giving sacrifice of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

Psalm 23

L: Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.

Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Song**

“O Sacred Head” (arr. Jim Brickman)

Annette Nolan (12:00 noon)

“Sonata in Modo Antico” (Rudolf Matz)

Jennifer Frisina, Cello (6:30pm)

Annette Nolan, Piano

*(Community stands as the Cross is carried out of the gathering.)*

*Dismissal in silence.*

**Easter Sunday Community Worship Services**

**7:00am Easter Sunrise Service**

**10:00am Easter Sunday Service**

**Easter Services at Newell Presbyterian Church**

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