

CONFIDENCE AT THE CROSS

Leader, Brian Courtney

Organist, Ken Swann

Begins at 1:00 P.M.

"Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit"

Hymn No. 111 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Prayer

The Reading from the Scriptures

Luke 23:44-47

Meditation

Bob Proctor

Prayer (in unison)

Connie Marrett

Eternal God, when all else fails us--strength,
knowledge, relationships--we find you sufficient.
We commit ourselves to your purposes, believing
where we cannot prove. Embrace us with your out-
stretched hands. Hold us fast, that we may be
freed to love and serve. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Organ Interlude

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

The Good Friday services will close with the presenta-
tion of a musical, "THREE", composed and directed by
Phil Landgrave. There will be a fifteen minute in-
termission before the music begins.

At 4:30 p.m. D.M.A. candidate Paul Peak will conduct
a setting of the seven last words by Franz Joseph
Haydn. The performance will be in Heeren Recital
Hall.



Alumni Memorial Chapel

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Friday, April 17, 1987

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Prelude of Meditation Rhonda Rogers, Organist
The Call to Worship David Key, Leader

Leader: Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?

People: Behold, and see if there be any sorrow
like unto his sorrow.

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement of our peace was upon
him;
and with his stripes we are healed.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity
of us all.

All: Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the
sin of the world!

Organ Interlude

FORGIVENESS AT THE CROSS

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

Hymn No. 70 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Prayer

The Reading from the Scriptures Luke 23:26-34

Meditation Harold Songer

Prayer (in unison) David Wilkinson

Help us to remember, O God, the sufferings of Jesus.
We become so comfortable in our lifestyle and in our
faith as to suppose all is joy and light. Open our
eyes to thy truth: resurrection follows death--
triumph is achieved through trial. When we remember
the worst of Fridays, the best of Fridays, we give
ourselves afresh to Thee through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

Organ Interlude

AUTHORITY AT THE CROSS
Leader, Blake Harwell
Organist, Larry Abernathy
Begins at 10:30 A.M.

"Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me
in Paradise."

Hymn No. 58 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer

The Reading from the Scriptures Luke 23:39-45

Meditation Page Kelley

Prayer (in unison) Rachel Keeney

"Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star.
Center and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart, how near!"

Thy power is clearly revealed in creation's splen-
dor. Thy love is clearly revealed in Thy Son's
mercy. We acknowledge Thy majesty; we are grate-
ful for Thy mercy. As Thy grace reached out to
an evil-doer at the Cross, so we enjoy Thy grace
in this generation, in this place...through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Interlude

REMEMBRANCE AT THE CROSS
Leader, Lisa McWhorter
Organist, Kim Floyd
Begins at 11 A.M.

"Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

"Near the Cross Her Vigil Keeping" (To be read in unison)

"Near the Cross her Vigil keeping,
Stood the mother worn with weeping,
Where He hung, the dying Lord:

Near Thy cross, O Christ, abiding,
Grief and love my heart dividing,
I with her would take my place:

Through her soul, in anguish groaning,
Bowed in sorrow, sighing, moaning,
Passed the sharp and piercing sword.

By Thy guardian cross uphold me,
In Thy dying, Christ, enfold me
With the deathless arms of grace. Amen."

From the Latin, 13th Century
Tr. compiled by Louis F. Benson (1855-1930)

Hymn No. 360 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Prayer

The Reading from the Scriptures John 19:25-27

Meditation Vaughn Walker

Prayer (in unison) Rodger Murchison

It is so tempting, Father, in the midst of our difficulty, to turn in upon ourselves, remembering our own needs, forgetting the needs of others. It is so easy, Eternal Spirit, to magnify our own suffering, and minimize the suffering of others. Forgive us when we yield to this temptation, Merciful Lord, and make us courageous to face the sister or brother, the father or mother, whose pain is constant. Give us grace, Lord of love, to love one another. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Organ Interlude

SUBMISSION AT THE CROSS

Leader, Joyce Marshall

Organist, Wilbur Miller

Begins at 11:30 A.M.

"My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Hymn No. 173 "No, Not Despairingly"

The Reading from the Scriptures Matthew 27:39-49

Meditation Karen Smith

Prayer (in unison) Michael Besspiata

The promise of Thy nearness has steadied our feet and straightened our paths, O God. Yet we have not always submitted to Thy leadership; we have often rebelled against Thy will. Forgive us our trespasses...When we suspect Thy absence, Thy neglect, Thy lack of concern, refresh our spirits with a new sense of Thy presence. We yield ourselves to Thee through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Organ Interlude

SUFFERING AT THE CROSS

Leader, James Turner

Organist, Ron Sprunger

Begins at 12:00 Noon

"I thirst"

Hymn No. 105 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Prayer

The Reading from the Scriptures John 19:28-29

Meditation Alan Culpepper

Prayer (in unison) Mary Ann Poe

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you put on our flesh, sharing our needs and wants. We can feel only shame for our rejection of your coming into our lives. Give us courage to face your cross, that we may see how much you love us. Give us strength to turn to a world which suffers without purpose, that we may tell of a Savior. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Interlude

VICTORY AT THE CROSS

Leader, Wesley Eades

Organist, David McNease

Begins at 12:30 P.M.

"It is finished"

Hymn No. 112 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

(first 3 stanzas)

Prayer

The Reading from the Scriptures John 17:1-8; 19:30

Meditation Edward Thornton

Prayer (in unison) Davis Byrd

Glorious God, we have learned to rejoice in resurrection, but find it hard to see triumph in death. We thank you for the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to learn obedience and steadfastness. Use our successes and our failures to glorify you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Interlude