

*Snow Hill Ministerial Association
Community Good Friday Service*

April 2, 2010

7 p.m.

PRÉLUDE

INTROIT "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Makemie Choir
WELCOME Sherwood McGrath

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Fear & fascination drew observers to the first Holy Friday. These emotions have attracted people ever since.

P: **We cannot flee from the pain & suffering that Jesus experienced on our behalf.**

L: We wonder why one so faithful & loving had to face the agony of rejection & death.

P: **Jesus was wounded for our transgressions; bruised for our sins.**

L: In this time of worship we join Christ at Calvary, aware of our involvement in the cruelty there."

P: **Our faithfulness is tested at the cross & our lives are judged by our response.**

HYMN #370 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

PSALTER Psalm 22: 1 – 11 Lee Johnson

CONFESSION Natalie Wien

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

P: **I am here.**

L: Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

P: **I am here.**

L: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

P: **I am here.**

L: The story of Christ's passion & death mirrors for us much of our weakness & sin. We all come here as men & women who have missed the mark & who are alienated from God & from our neighbor. Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Yes, dear God, it's true. We are not worthy of your love. We promise to be faithful but we fall away; we forsake you; we flee from you; we betray you; we deny you; we watch from afar; we don't tell anyone that your reign is at hand; we are afraid. Change us, we pray. Amen.

-- A time of silent prayer --

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: God's love is not destroyed at Golgotha, nor diminished by our unclear reflection of it saving power. God reaches out to heal & revive us & to reveal again the love that will not let us go.

P: **We are invited to know the One beyond all knowing & to accept the gifts God offers us.**

L: Answer God's love with your praise, devotion & service – and you will know you are forgiven.

ANTHEM "Just for Me" Perfected Praise Team

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

(Luke 23: 34, 43, John 19:26, Mark 15: 34, John 19:30, Luke 24: 46)

1. "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they do." Debra Latture
2. "I assure you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Joe L. Poe
3. "Dear woman, here is your son." Mark Avens
4. "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Shirley Evans
5. "I am thirsty." Ken Thom
6. "It is finished." Lisa Graines
7. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Sherwood McGrath

HYMN #101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

OFFERING Shirley Evans

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN #543 "Abide with Me"

BENEDICTION

L: Go out to keep your vigil at the cross. Let prayer & meditation be means of transformation.

P: **We carry with us the tragedy of this night.**

L: Go into the world in peace knowing that God has made the ultimate sacrifice through Jesus, who is Christ.

P: **Worthy is the One who was slain, to receive glory & honor & power.**

L: Love one another, as Christ loves you, now and forever. Amen.

Easter Sunrise Services:

at 6 a.m.

Mt. Wesley United Methodist Church, 7022 Scotland Rd, Snow Hill
Speaker, Rev. Joe Poe, Pastor Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

at 6:30 a.m.

Pocomoke River Canoe & Kayak Company, Snow Hill at the River,
Bates & Whatcoat United Methodist Churches, the Reverends:
Mark Avens & Sherwood McGrath

at 6:30 a.m.

Public Landing at the dock, Spence Baptist Church, the Rev. Ken Elligson

at 7:00 a.m.

Bowen Methodist Church, corner of Newark Rd & Mill St in Newark MD Sunrise
Service, Trinity & Bowen United Methodist Churches, the Rev. Shirley Evans.
Service conducted by the Confirmation Class with Breakfast to follow in the
Fellowship Hall.

Churches, Clergy, Choirs participating this evening:

All Hallows Episcopal Church	Rev. Ken Thom
Bates Methodist Church	Rev. Mark Avens, Natalie Wien
Bowen & Trinity United Methodist Churches	Rev. Shirley Evans
Ebenezer United Methodist Church	Rev. Lisa Graines
Makemie Presbyterian Church	Rev. Debra Latture, Lee Johnson
and Makemie Chancel Choir, Director Gwen Skeens	
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Joe L. Poe
and Perfected Praise Team, Director Sandra Coston-Barkley	
Whatcoat United Methodist Church	Rev. Sherwood McGrath

The offering this evening will go to the Snow Hill Emergency Fund.



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