



Jesus' mother Mary shed
tears for him



Our Worship of God

April 2, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ The Fifth Sunday of the Season of Lent ~ “Poured Out: Tears”

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Meditation for Preparation (unison)

The salty tears that show up in this story of love and loss are essential elements in human lament. Salt was used in the ancient world for preservation and healing and thus became an element in rituals of covenant-making and healing as well. The salty tears cried by those closest to Jesus are part of the connection we all have to loving deeply. Pain and despair can seem to overwhelm in the face of tragedy. But because we believe that Christ's resurrection is also our own, we also know that tears of joy are also not far behind. As God makes all things new, lament can turn to praise and tears can turn to dancing.

Prelude

Who on the Cross
Chancel Bells; Renan Leme, violin

arr. Cassler

Call to Worship (responsive)

The spirit of God calls us from many places;

some of us come from busy homes with many people
some of us live alone.

We are a part of the family.

This week has been different for each of us;

some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate
some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

We are members of God's family.

Yet we all come to this same place;

all of us seeking God's presence in our lives
all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

Together we become God's family.

†Proclamation Hymn 89

Our Great Savior

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

Prayer (unison)

Holy God,

the world in which we live is as terrifying as it is wonderful.

We need Jesus as much today as in times of old.

Many sow in tears, and go out weeping.

Replenish our lands,

fill our hearts with gladness,

restore our faith in you and each other,

wipe away the tears of despair.

As we worship today,

we tilt an ear to listen close.

Let your voice fill our minds with new understandings.

We are waiting for you. Speak to us today. Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Reading

Verna Rhodes

John 19:25-37

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 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. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Mary, Mother of Jesus

Anne Bills

Debbie Jacobs, reader

†Hymn

God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn



1 God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's
2 Through tears and sor - row, God, we share a
3 And yet be - cause, like us, you weep, we



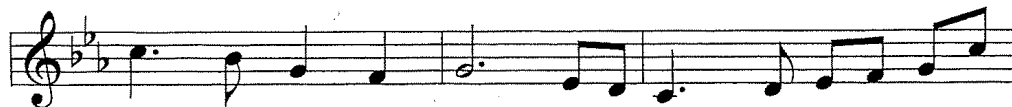
tears flow down with ours, and God's own heart is
sense of your vast grief: the weight of bear - ing
trust you will re - ceive and in your ten - der



bruised and worn from all the heav - y hours
ev - ery prayer for heal - ing and re - lief,
heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve,



of watch - ing while the soul's bright fire burned
the bur - den of our ques - tions why, the
while with your tears our hearts will taste the



low - er day by day, and pulse and breath and
doubts that they en - gage, and as our friends and
deep, dear core of things from which both life and



love's de - sire dimmed down to ash and clay.
loved ones die, our hope - less - ness and rage.
death are graced by love's re - new - ing springs.

Prayer: And Mary Wept (responsive)

A simple stable

Angels, shepherds, a bright star

A child is born

And Mary wept.

An active neighborhood

Energetic children, a bustling market, community

A boy is growing

And Mary wept.

A peaceful valley

Water flowing, people gathering, lives restored

A young man is baptized

And Mary wept.

A promised land

Healing, teaching, miracles

God's servant, God's son

And Mary wept.

An ominous hillside

Three crosses, mockers, mourners

A child dies

And Mary wept.

Mary, were your tears bitter, reflecting the injustice?

Were your tears a torrent, reflecting the anguish?

Were your tears hot, reflecting your anger?

Did your soul become barren in the salty river?

Did your faith grow dark, extinguished in tears?

Did your love shrivel as your tears dried?

Did you withdraw to nurse a wounded heart?

Did you curse and shake your fist at God?

Did your retreat into the past grasping at memories?

Did your weeping stop?

Did you live again?

Did you love again?

Did you believe again?

O God, catch the tears of all who weep. Amen.

Anthem

Are You Weary of Your Burden
Renan Leme, violin

arr. White

*Are you weary of your burden, are you sore distressed?
Come to me, says Christ, and coming, be at rest.
Has he marks that I may know him, and make him my guide?
In his feet and hands are wound-prints, and his side.
Is there diadem, as monarch, that his brow adorns?
Surely, yet the crown upon him is of thorns.
If I find him, if I follow, what is given here?
Many a sorrow, many a labor, many a tear.
If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last?
Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed.
If I ask him to receive me, will he tell me no?
Never: not if earth and heaven melt like snow.
Finding, following, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer, Yes.*

Message

Mary, Mother of Jesus

Carol McEntyre

Prayer: Extravagant Love (unison)

**Extravagant God, who gave all,
even your life, without calculating the cost,
your love is everywhere.
You do not hold your love back
to be admired from a distance
but pour your precious gift
out for us at great price.
Like tears falling,
it spills from your heart into ours.
So may we love –
purely,
dangerously,
wildly,
extravagantly,
creating a scandal of grace.**

**Let us love for love's sake, seeing each day as the chance
to do a spontaneous, irrational, risky act of love
in Christ's name
whose love so amazing, so divine,
demands our souls, our lives, our all. Amen.**

Preparation for Communion

Ed Rollins

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Gathering at the Table of Our Lord

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Bread Broken, the Cup Shared

†Hymn of Commitment 613

The Servant Song
Sung to BEACH SPRING

*We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

*I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Hobby

† Benediction (unison)

**May the blessing of the God of peace and justice
be with us;**

**May the blessing of the Son
who weeps the tears of the world's suffering
be with us;**

**And may the blessing of the Spirit
who inspires us to reconciliation and hope
be with us**

from now into eternity.

Amen.

†Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 2

4-4:50 pm Children's Music

Sanctuary

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Monday, April 3

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, April 5

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade

Youth Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6

7 pm Plowman Recital:

Joel Krosnick, cello & Peter Miamoto, piano

Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

7 pm Plowman Recital: Alessio Bax, piano

Sanctuary

Saturday, April 8

9:30 am-5 pm Plowman Competition Semifinals

Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

12:30-2:30 pm First Kids Camp Meeting

Parlor

4-4:50 pm Children's Music

Sanctuary

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday: meet at 10:20 on the front lawn to walk together to the downtown Palm Sunday service. Awakening and Traditional services will meet as usual.

Friday, April 14, Good Friday: worship service at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall will bring together all the characters and elements from our Lenten series, "Poured Out."

Saturday, April 15: Easter Egg hunt 10 am – noon. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 for games and treats. Bring your own basket!

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday: Worship begins with the Sonrise service led by our youth and other First Baptist lay leaders on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. After Sonrise, we will share our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 am and 11:15 am.

First Baptist Adventures

Join First Baptist Adventurers for a fun-filled day trip to Pike County, Missouri on Saturday, April 26. We will leave the church parking lot at 9 am, stop at St. Louis University's Henry Lay Sculpture Park, tour the gardens, then travel through Louisiana MO to lunch at the Village of the Blue Rose, a 6-acre not-for-profit place staffed by young adults with Downs syndrome. The bluff-top restaurant provides a spectacular view of the Mississippi River. After lunch we'll enjoy bird-watching, and a rustic flea market and antique shop. Our final stop will be at Louisiana's outstanding Stark Brothers Nursery, and will return to Columbia around 5 pm.

Please sign up as early as possible so transportation arrangements can be made. Email paulalou52@gmail.com or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or call 442-1149 to register.

Announcements

The Plowman Chamber Music Competition

One of the largest and most prestigious Chamber Music Competitions in America returns to Columbia and First Baptist Church on April 8 and 9. 15 of the finest chamber ensembles from across the country will come to compete for over \$10,000 in prizes. In past years, ensembles have hailed from institutions like Julliard School of Music, the Cincinnati Music Conservatory, Eastman School of Music and the USC School of Music. All day on Saturday, April 8, the groups will have 20 minutes to perform for three world renowned judges – each group is evaluated and at the end of the day, five groups will be selected to perform on Sunday, April 9 at the Missouri Theater in competition for the \$5,000 grand prize. The semi-finals, held on Saturday the 8th in our sanctuary, will take place from 9:30-5:00. Tickets will allow you to hear and critique all of the groups for yourself. It is an exciting day of fabulous performances! There is a separate ticket needed for the Sunday finals, but it is well worth your time to hear these groups.

The Plowman weekend officially begins on Thursday, April 6 when Plowman adjudicator and world recognized cellist, Joel Kresnik, presents a concert in our sanctuary at 7pm.

Plowman is jointly sponsored by First Baptist Church, Odyssey Chamber Music Series, and the University of Missouri School of Music. Please join us for any or all of these wonderful performance opportunities.

ForColumbia 2017

We are once again partnering with ForColumbia as a service opportunity on Saturday, April 29th. More details will be in the April 5 Spire. You can sign up now through our website, fbc-columbia.org – wait for the scrolling image to show 'ForColumbia; click on the image and scroll to the bottom to click 'Register.' There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board along with final information regarding all the projects.

Announcements

Mission Trip to South Dakota

Following on last summer's wonderful youth mission experience at Bridger, South Dakota, the 2017 experience will be open to people of all generations. The week of June 10 – 15 we will take up to 20 people to the reservation for light construction work, building fencing for horses, engaging in the community, and connecting with the kids on the reservation. More details, including cost for the trip and supply needs, will be available in the coming weeks. If you are interested in going, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Quest Family Camp

Quest Family Camp, scheduled for July 2nd – 7th at Green Lake, Wisconsin, is a new approach to summer camp. In keeping with First Baptist's student ministry goals, the camp is for all families with kids from preschool to college, and will be a youth camp, kids' camp, adult retreat, family vacation, and a chance to get away and be with God – all rolled into one great experience! More details, including costs, are in the March 15 Spire. Registration will be available soon.

White Cross Work Session

A White Cross work session will be held from 1:00-3:00 pm, Thursday, April 6, 2017 in the 2nd floor conference room. We will be rolling bandages made from strips of old sheets, to be shipped to hospitals in Africa. Please bring sewing scissors if you have any. All are welcome.

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers

For Easter, we will fill our worship spaces with beautiful lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to order one or more plants in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please pick up an order envelope at the worship entrances.

Worship Notes

The Meditation for Preparation is by Marcia McFee.

The call to worship was written by Katherine Hawker, on her **Liturgy Outside the Box** website, from a series she calls “Beyond Mother’s Day.”

The first prayer was written by Rev. Penny L. Lowers, a minister in the United Church of Christ; from a larger collection called *From Tears to Rejoicing: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday of Advent*, posted on the Worship Ways website of the United Church of Christ.

The benediction is posted on the **World Council of Churches** website, <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/home.html>.

The dramatic reading is from “Poured Out: Elements of a Resurrection” © 2012 Marcia McFee. Used with permission. www.marciamcfee.com (Accessed in the Wordship Design Studio).

Portions of the prayer “And Mary Wept” are from Joanne Galbraith.

The prayer, “Extravagant Love” was written by Sharlande Sledge in her book **Prayers & Liturgies for the Christian Seasons**, Smyth & Helwys © 1999.

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Today’s scripture reader is Verna Rhodes, who has been a First Baptist member for over 53 years and has served in many ways, including: youth Sunday School teacher, Preschool Director for 40 years, WMU, Deacon, Christian Education Committee and Bereavement Committee. She is a retired faculty member of the Sinclair School of nursing at the University of Missouri. Verna worked for over 50 years as a clinician, educator and researcher. She is also one of the founders of the Child Development Center.

My Notes

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11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

*For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers
Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.*

The flowers are given by Mary Lou Spradling in memory of her mother, Mildred Totzke.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Church Staff

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