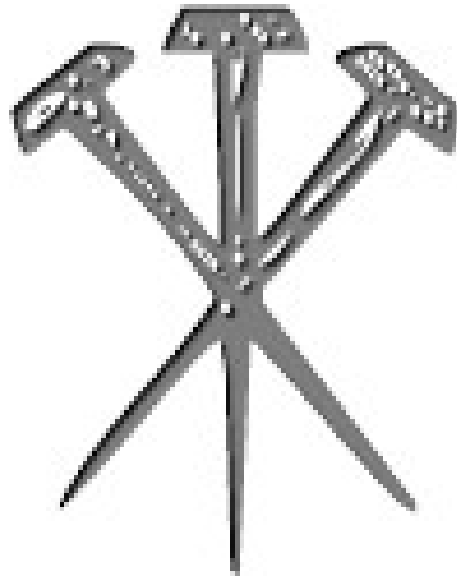

Community Good Friday Service



Front Royal Ministerial Association March 21, 2008

12:00 NOON

Prelude	<i>O Sacred Head</i>	Burkhardt
Call to Worship	<i>Were You There?</i> Elaine King	Spiritual
Invocation		The Rev. Dr. C. Thomas Rhyne

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, so that, seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

- L: O my people, O my church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- P: Lord, have mercy.**

12:30 PM

*† Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This?* No. 85

Meditation on the First Word The Rev. Gary Heaton
Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!

Solo *Art Thou the Christ?* O'Hara
Janet Menassa

Prayers

Silent Reflection

12:50 PM

*† Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* No. 84

Meditation on the Second Word The Rev. Rachel W. Crumley
Today, thou shalt be with me in paradise!

Solo *The Thief* MacPowell
Rev. Rachel Crumley

Prayers

Silent Reflection

1:10 PM

*† Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* No. 427
(Tune: Beecher)

Meditation on the Third Word The Rev. Larry Andes
Woman, behold thy son! Son, behold thy mother!

Solo *Woman, Behold Thy Son* Harker
Alice Litwin, David Clark, David Edwards

Prayers

Silent Reflection

1:30 PM

*† Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus* No. 93

Meditation on the Fourth Word The Rev. Robert Jones
My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Prayers

Silent Reflection

1:50 PM

*† Hymn *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?* No. 78

Meditation on the Fifth Word

The Rev. Dr. R. Mark Jordon

I Thirst!

Solo

Jesus, In Thy Thirst and Pain
Alice Litwin

Wood

Prayers

Silent Reflection

2:10 PM

*† Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* No. 97

Meditation on the Sixth Word

The Rev. Christof A. Weber

It is finished!

Anthem

Calvary
Alice Litwin, Pamela Ostermeier, David Clark, David Edwards

Spiritual

Prayers

Silent Reflection

2:30 PM

*† Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 101

Meditation on the Seventh Word

The Rev. Alfred Woods

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!

Duet

The Seven Last Words
Anna Rhyne and David Clark

Butler

Prayers

Silent Reflection

2:50 PM

*Hymn *My Faith Looks up to Thee* No. 383
*The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical) Hymnal, p. 16
*Benediction Dr. Rhyne
*Postlude

(Please maintain silence until you are outside)

* Those who are able may stand.

† Congregants may enter and leave at this time.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Our Good Friday offering will be for the Warren County Ministerial Association's
Emergency Assistance Fund. You may place your gift in the offering plate in the narthex.
Thank you.