

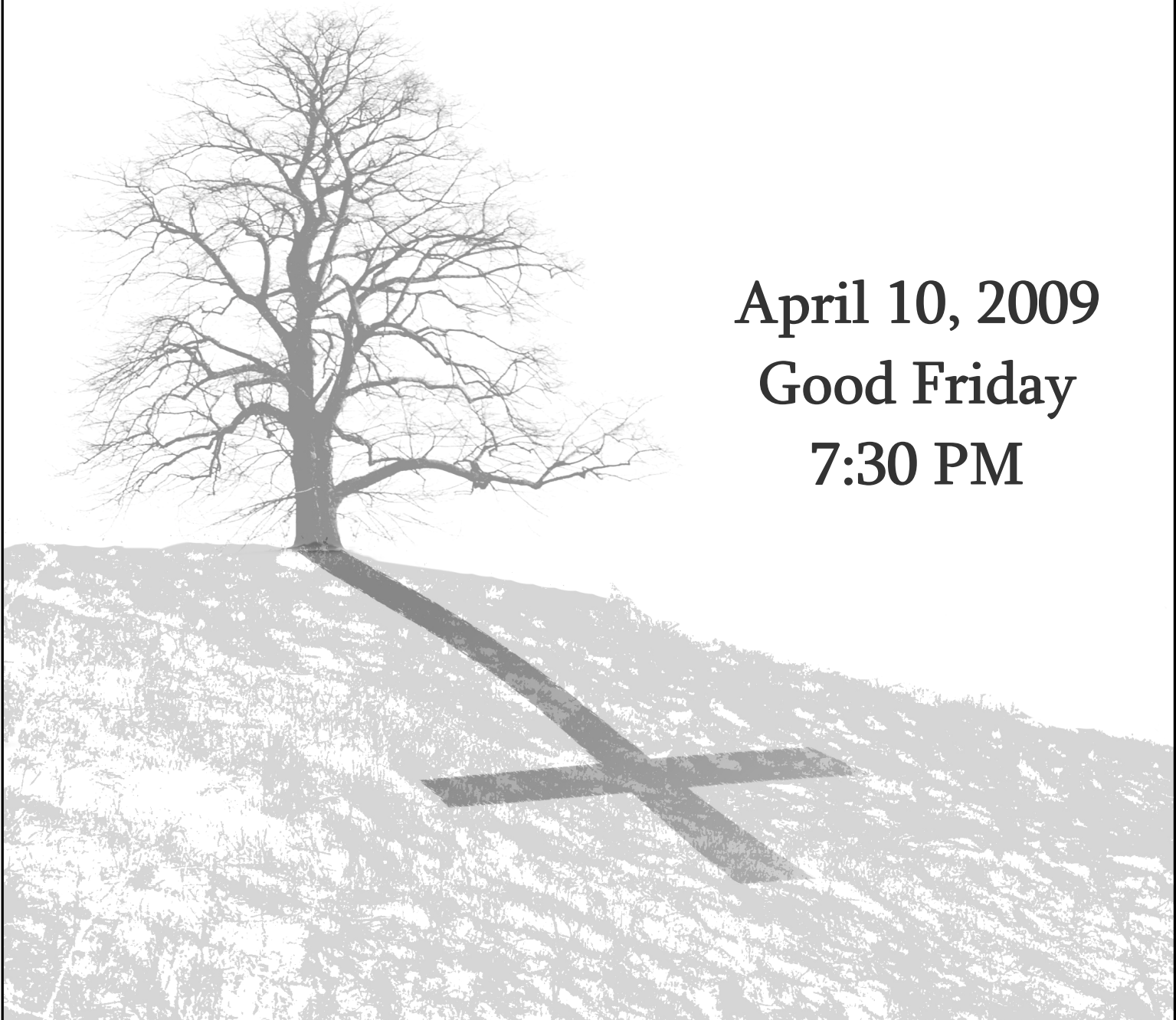
# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

April 10, 2009

Good Friday

7:30 PM



This Service of Darkness commemorates the suffering and death of Christ. The candles symbolize Christ who is our Light and the Light of the World. Following each reading and meditation of Christ's death upon the Cross, the candles are progressively extinguished dramatically portraying the fading light of Christ as he was leaving the world.

\*\*A quiet room is available toward the back of the Sanctuary for families with small children\*\*

TENEBRAE – A SERVICE OF DARKNESS

ORGAN PRELUDE

*Beloved Jesus*  
Suk Choi, Organ

by J. Brahms

VOCAL PRELUDE

*Were You There?*  
Ellen Starratt, soloist

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

HYMN 216 (VS. 1, 2, 3)

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: We who have known failure and defeat are summoned to walk with Jesus to Calvary.

People: *We who face weakness and temptation gather in the name of the One who overcame them.*

Leader: We seek salvation in the One despised and rejected, from whom there came no violence or deceit.

People: *We come with our doubts and fears, our work and worries, and look for God's peace and refreshment.*

DANCE MEDIATION

*I Walked Today*  
Judy Ruddiman, Soloist and Rena Kamariotakis, Liturgical Dancer

by Greg Nelson

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:69–75

Pew Bible, N.T. page 31

MEDITATION

*“A Journey with Peter: Unimaginable Words”*

Dr. Randy Steele

CHORAL REFLECTION

*In the Garden*  
Judy Ruddiman, Carol Stocksdale and Chris Green

by Carl Nygard, Jr.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *(In Unison)*

Rev. Emily McColl

*On this darkest of days, we cry out against the contradictions we see and hear all around us. How, O God, can this day be called “good?” If you are the Almighty, why do you not intervene against our inhumanity? Why must suffering mark the road to salvation? Why is goodness crucified before our eyes? Lead us, loving God, through the confusion and pain of Jesus’ last hours. Reveal your purposes once more through the silent witness before the wrongful accusers and the nonviolent response to pretensions of power. Speak to us now of triumphant faithfulness as we see ourselves among the secret admirers, the jealous religious leaders, and the fearful crowds. Amen.*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Lesson I — Matthew 26:36-46

Rev. Emily McColl

*Jesus' disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*RESPONSE 220 (vs. 1-3) 'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow*

OLIVE'S BROW

Lesson II — Matthew 26:47-56

Stacy Podres

*Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.*

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*RESPONSE 477 (vss. 3, 2, 1) O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

EBENEZER

(Congregation is invited to sing verse 1 when directed)

Lesson III — Matthew 26:57-68

Dr. Randy Steele

*Jesus before the Sanhedrin*

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*RESPONSE 213 (vs. 3) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

Congregation and Choir

Lesson IV — Matthew 26:69-75

Prentice Park

*Peter's denial*

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*RESPONSE 231 (vs. 1, 2)*

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Congregation and Choir

Lesson V — Matthew 27:15-26

Rev. Emily McColl

*Jesus before Pilate*

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*RESPONSE 464 (vs. 2, 1) I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

CALCUTTA

(Congregation is invited to sing verse 1 when directed)

Lesson VI — Matthew 27:27-44

Stacy Podres

*The soldiers mock Jesus.*

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*RESPONSE 221 (vs. 1-3) O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

Congregation and Choir

