

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

April 22, 2011
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

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 (vs. 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

Rev. Gary Mills

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE

Art Thou the Christ
ArLynn Toavs, Soloist

by Geoffrey O'Hara

Lesson IV — Matthew 26:69-75

John Denton

Peter's denial

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE 231 (vs. 1, 2)

Ah, Holy Jesus
Congregation and Choir

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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

Lesson VII — Matthew 27:45-50
The death of Jesus

John Denton

SEVENTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED AND THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

(The slow tolling of the bell seven times signifies the completeness of Christ's sacrifice for us.)

RESPONSE 632

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

MALOTTE

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Lesson VIII — Matthew 27:51-54

Dr. Randy Steele

Surely, He was the Son of God

RESPONSE 484 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

The Old Rugged Cross
Congregation and Choir

OLD RUGGED CROSS

**BENEDICTION*

God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved, that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of eternal life.

Please remain seated in silence until the aisles are lighted to facilitate leaving.

Silence is observed throughout the Sanctuary from this time forward.

*Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate
as long as he or she desires, then to leave in silence.*

**THE SILENT RECESSIONAL*

Easter Sunday Celebrations —
Worship with us this Sunday, April 24th
As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

We invite you to join us at 10 am.

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