

# Good Friday

April 18, 2025 at 7:00PM  
Sir John Rutter's "Requiem"



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Worship Notes

As we worship, we respond to the last words of Christ with movements from the Requiem of John Rutter (b. 1945). This setting of the common requiem mass begins and ends with prayers that God might grant eternal rest for the deceased. The Requiem is not a requiem for Christ, but rather is a reminder of God's promise of eternal life that shines in its expression of hope.

2025 is the 40th anniversary of the first presentation of the Requiem in worship services held in Texas and California. Rutter is an English composer and conductor who has made significant contributions in choral music, including through his own ensemble (The Cambridge Singers). The Requiem is a seven-movement work in which five movements are based on the Latin Requiem Mass and the other movements are settings of Psalm 130 and Psalm 23. The work is sung in a mix of Latin and English. Rutter dedicated the work to his father, an industrial chemist who passed away the year before Rutter finished the work.

Throughout the worship service, you will sense a purposeful cadence of scripture, silence, and music. After each reading, we will extinguish a candle as the "shadows" slowly envelop the sanctuary. Although music plays an essential role, this is a worship service and not a performance. Good Friday is the day when we observe the pain and suffering of Jesus Christ for the redemption of all creation. Today, as horrors continue in our world, we resist evil with action and prayer on behalf of the people of the world. At the conclusion of the worship service, we invite you to remain in the darkness in silent prayer for as long as you wish.

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## THE SILENT PROCESSION

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**People: who redeems us from sin and death.**

Leader: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray.

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

**Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 220 (verses 1, 2, and 3)

*Go to Dark Gethsemane, Redhead 76<sup>1</sup>*

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:24-26, 32-34

**“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”**

*Requiem Aeternam, J. Rutter<sup>2</sup>*

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion:  
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam,  
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray  
and light eternal shine on them forever.

Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion:  
thy praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem.

O hear us, O Lord,  
hear thy faithful servants' prayer;  
to thee shall all mortal flesh return.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

## THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

**“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

*Out of the Deep, J. Rutter<sup>2</sup>*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.  
O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.  
If thou, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done amiss:  
O Lord, who may abide it?  
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.  
I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.  
My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say,  
before the morning watch.  
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

*Pie Jesu, J. Rutter<sup>2</sup>*

Pie Jesu Domine,  
dona eis requiem.  
Pie Jesu Domine,  
dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Jesu,  
Lord I pray in thy mercy grant them rest.  
Lord our God,  
we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.

## THE THIRD WORD

John 19:23-27

**“Woman, here is your son.” “Here is your mother.”**

**\*HYMN 216**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus, St. Christopher<sup>1</sup>*

## THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION AND SILENT PRAYERS

*Each petition ends responsively:*

**Leader:** We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE FOURTH WORD

Mark 15:33-35

**“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

*Angus Dei, J. Rutter<sup>2</sup>*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world:  
in thy mercy, grant them rest.

Man that is born of a woman  
hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery.  
He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;  
he fleeth as it were a shadow.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world:  
in thy mercy, grant them rest.

In the midst of life we are in death:  
of whom may we seek for succor?

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world:  
in thy mercy, grant them rest.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead,  
yet shall he live:  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me  
shall never die.

### THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

**“I am thirsty.”**

*The Lord Is My Shepherd, J. Rutter<sup>2</sup>*

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture: a lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:  
thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**THE SIXTH WORD**

John 19:29-30

**"It is finished."**

**SILENCE**

**THE SEVENTH WORD**

Luke 23:44-46

**"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!"**

*Lux Aeterna, J. Rutter<sup>2</sup>*

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,  
for they rest from their labors:  
even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:  
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,  
quia pius es.  
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray:  
with saints and angels ever dwelling,  
for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.  
Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray:  
and light perpetual shine on them forever.

**THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB**

Matthew 27:57-60

*As a symbol of Christ leaving the world, the Christ Candle is removed.  
You are invited to remain seated and pray silently.  
When you are ready to depart, please exit in silence.  
Our worship service resumes on Easter Sunday morning.  
Join us for Easter worship at 9:45 am on April 20.*

## **DEPART IN SILENCE**

### Personnel:

The Chancel Choir

Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music

Rev. Sara Tonje, Pastor

Rev. Sandy Nuernberg, Liturgist

Soprano

Meg Beally

Dorothy Blotz

Cynthia Bush

Kathy Key

Liane Kosaki

Alto

Michele Brogunier

Yong Joo Erwin

Carol Lee Iverson

Kathy Kamp

Jean Loup

Jean Nass

Ann Rowley

Sara Tonje

Tenor

Bob Binhammer

Dale Bjorling

Jennifer Mou

Janet Sausen

Bud Smith

Dylan Sturtevant

Bass

Tom Iverson

Thatcher Root

Jing Zhang, soprano soloist

Linda Krueger, organ

Valree Casey, oboe

Barbara Paziouros Roberts, flute

Hannah Wolkstein, cello

Sonia Driskill, harp

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April 20th  
9:45am

*Annual Egg Hunt  
following Worship!*

