

The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)

He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to His own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Service for Holy Thursday
with Holy Communion*



Thursday, March 24th, the Year of Our Lord 2016

RYE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rye, New Hampshire

And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and made ready the Passover. (Mt. 26:19)

Prelude: *Pie Jesu* from *Requiem*

G. Fauré



Please use the opportunity afforded by the Prelude to prayerfully prepare for worship and assist us in establishing an atmosphere of reverence as the hour draws near.

{Welcome & Announcements}

Call to Worship: *(from Zechariah 13:7, 9)*

Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is close to Me! ...

Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn My hand to the little ones.

I will refine them like silver and test them like gold.

Then they will call on My name and I will answer them. I will say, They are My people, and they will say, The Lord is our God.

Now when evening had come, He sat down at table with the twelve. (Mt. 26:20)

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-29 (page 1543)

Is It I, Lord? Hannah Reitz, violin

R. Schram

{During communion, the following hymns are sung}

Abide with Me, #642 & *Be Still, My Soul*, #712

And when they had sung an hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (Matthew 26:30)

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:30-75 (page 1544)

Were You There?

#315 (verses 1-3)

And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, then they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. (Mt.27:28-29)

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Isaiah 52:13—53:12 (page 1145)

My Precious Dying Lord Hannah Reitz, violin

M. Hayes

{The service ends abruptly and all exit in silent reflection.}

*Your attitude should be like Christ Jesus:
Who, although being God Himself, did not
require recognition or status, but denied Himself,
and took the form of a lowly servant made in human
likeness.
And as a man He humbled Himself and became
obedient to death ~ even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given
Him a Name above every name ~ that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven, on Earth,
and under the Earth; and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord
... to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)*