



Prelude ..... *Cello Suites (J.S. Bach)*

Silent Procession

Opening Song ..... *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Welcome + Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading ..... Pslam 22:1-11

Song of Response ..... *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 52:3-53:12

Song of Response ..... *The Power of the Cross*

Gospel Reading ..... John 18:1 - 19:37

Sermon ..... Mike Seawright

Song ..... Ah Holy Jesus

Prayers

Devotion Before the Cross

The Reproaches

The Anthems

Concluding Prayer

Postlude ..... *Cello Suites (J.S. Bach)*

This most somber of all days leads us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his Cross. The church is often darkened. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the Cross. We are reminded of the role which our own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the Cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The Cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life in the midst of death.

