

Celebration of Worship

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

7:00 P.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "If any of you want to be my disciples, take up the cross and follow me."

People: Those who seek to save their lives will lose them, but those who give their lives for Christ's sake will be saved.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ to save us.
We have betrayed him. We have denied him.
We have abandoned, mocked and crucified him.
Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us; through Jesus Christ,
our only hope.

Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* # 185

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, our hope and strength, we give thanks for your Word made flesh – for the life that death cannot destroy, and for the light that darkness cannot overcome. Enlighten our minds and enliven our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may testify to your light and share the life of Christ with a hurting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Hebrews 10:16-25*

Gospel Reading *John 18:1 – 19:42*

Meditation

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain.
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'Tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor; assist me with Thy grace.
What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

The Solemn Intercession

Leader: Deaf people of God, 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. Let us commit ourselves to God and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection. Eternal God of unchanging power and light, look with mercy on your whole church. Bring to completion your saving work so that the whole world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and all things brought to perfection by him through whom all things were made, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

People: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Leader: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
Naked and you did not clothe me,
Sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Song *Jesus, Remember Me*

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