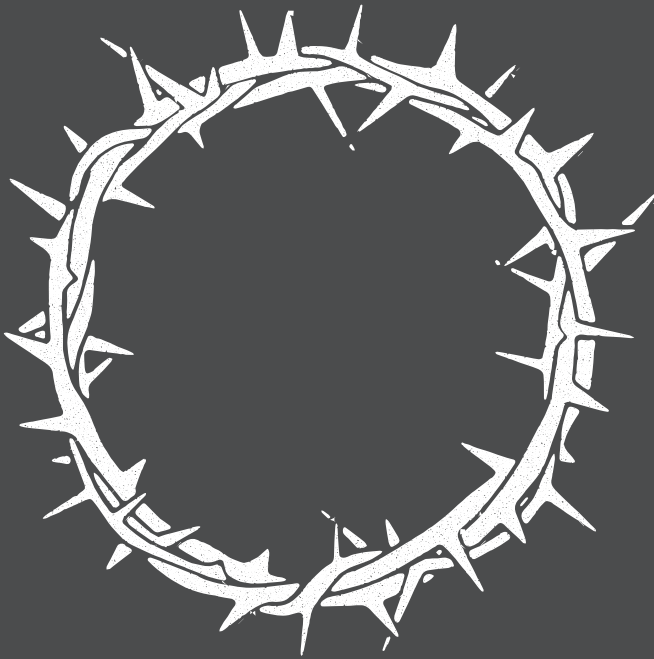


Good Friday



Tenebrae Service on the Seven Last Words of Christ
April 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Johannes Brahms
Op. 122, No. 10 Todd Fickley, organ

CHORAL INTROIT O Ye People Pablo Casals
O ye people that are passing by me and see me,
Behold and see and consider if there can be any sorrow as mine,
Any sorrow like unto my sorrow. O ye people, is it nothing to you?

CHIMES

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

▲ HYMN 84 *verses 1 & 4* In the Cross of Christ I Glory *Ratisbon*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *in unison*

Lord Jesus, on this holy day of your passion, you stretched out your arms upon the hard wood of the cross, that we might be brought within your saving embrace. Draw us to you with bands of love, that we may be found in you. Bind us to you as faithful servants, that we may learn to take up our cross daily and follow you, unto the joy of eternity.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION The Passion Story According to Matthew NPC Pastors
Matthew 26:36-27:31

HYMN 92 Beneath the Cross of Jesus *St. Christopher*

I. *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*

PRAYER *responsively* Ellery Brown

O Jesus, alone and despised, have mercy on us!

Let us not be ashamed to follow you.

O Jesus, hated and persecuted, have mercy upon us!

Strengthen us to stand with you.

O Jesus, blasphemed, accused, and wrongfully condemned, have mercy upon us!

Teach us also to endure.

O Jesus, clothed with reproach and shame, have mercy upon us!

Let us not seek our own glory.

O Jesus, insulted and mocked, have mercy upon us!

Let us also not faint in times of trial.

O Jesus, in derision crowned with thorns, in humiliation stricken with beatings,
on the cross burdened with our sins, and bearing our common curse,

Have mercy upon us! In great mercy, Lord Jesus, forgive!

John Wesley

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:26-34

DUET MEDITATION Flee as a Bird to the Mountain Old Spanish Song
Flee as a bird to the Mountain, ye who are weary of sin; *adapted as an American Gospel Hymn*
Go to the clear flowing Fountain, where you may wash and be clean.

Fly, the avenger is near thee; call, and the Savior will hear thee.

He on his bosom will bear thee, thou who art weary of sin, O thou who art weary of sin.

He will protect thee forever, he will wipe every tear;

He will forsake thee, O never! sheltered so tenderly there.

Haste now, the hours are flying; spend not your moments in sighing;

Cease now your sorrow and crying; the Savior will wipe every tear, the Savior will wipe every tear.

Sheri Jackson and Tess Ottinger, sopranos

II. *Today you shall be with me in Paradise.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Jill Meek

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart that, seeing the One who died for us, we may repent, confess our sins, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:35-43

HYMN *choir, then all*

Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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III. *Woman, behold your son.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Jonathan Edwards

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

SCRIPTURE

John 19:25-27

HYMN 102 *verses 1 & 2*

Were You There?

Were You There

IV. *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

PRAYER *in unison*

Melanie Lenhard

Forbid, O God, that we should forget the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. Grant us a true vision of all that he suffered: in his betrayal, his lonely agony, his false trial, his mocking and scourging, and his torturous death. As he gave utterly for us, help us give ourselves entirely to you.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:33-35

HYMN 93 *verses 1 & 2*

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

V. *I thirst.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Dr. Michael Denham

Almighty God, your most dear Son went not up to joy before he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified. Mercifully grant, as we walk the way of the cross, that we may find in it alone the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE

John 19:28-29

SOLO He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word Moses Hogan
Wasn't it a pity and a shame? And he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word. Spiritual
They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.
His blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.
He bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.
Ethan Zorack-Greene, bass-baritone

VI. *It is finished.*

PRAYER *in unison* Margaret Gardner
Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every
voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that
by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives
given to your service.

SCRIPTURE John 19:30

HYMN 101 *verses 1, 3 & 4* When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Hamburg*

VII. *Into your hands I commit my spirit.*

PRAYER *in unison* Rev. Craig Meek
God of all, you have given your only begotten Son to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in
Christ Jesus that, sharing his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory.

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:44-49

HYMN 98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *Passion Chorale*

SCRIPTURE *congregation in unison* Isaiah 53:4-6, 9 Dr. Hylton
He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon
him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray. We have all turned, every one, to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.... They made his grave with the
wicked, and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and no deceit
was found in his mouth.

MEDITATION IN DESCENDING DARKNESS

ORGAN Adagio Samuel Barber
Mr. Fickley, organ

BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton

BELL TOLL

Exit quietly upon completion of the tolling.

*Tenebrae is Latin for darkness. The term was eventually adopted for Holy Week worship
characterized by progressive extinguishing of light to depict the encroaching darkness of Calvary.*

Join us for Easter Worship!

8:30 am ♦ 10:00 am ♦ 11:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt for kids preschool-5th immediately following the 8:30 and 10:00 am services.