



Good Friday, April 3, 2026

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Worship Service—7:00 p.m.

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*Through Christ, we joyfully feed
the body, mind, and spirit of all.*

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A Service for Good Friday

Savior Order of Service

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you. John 15:15*

Invocation and Call to Worship

P Like sheep we have gone astray. But let us now us now gather
around the mercy of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy
Spirit.

C Amen.

P He was despised and rejected by men.

C A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

P Surely he has borne our griefs.

C And carried our sorrows.

P He was pierced for our transgressions.

C He was crushed for our iniquities.

P Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

C And with his wounds, we are healed.

P What a friend we have in Jesus.

C All our sins and griefs to bear.

Opening Hymn *Were You There*

ELW 353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

Confession and Forgiveness

P It was our rebellion that sent Jesus to the cross. It was the blameless Son of God who took our blame to Calvary. Still our gracious God invites us to bring all our sins to him and be forgiven.

C Hear us now, Jesus, as we confess our sins and receive your forgiveness.

P When temptation has come our way, our flesh has been weak.

C We have lived in ways that deny Jesus and declare, “I do not know him.”

P We have left God’s paths of righteousness and fled from what is right.

C We have mocked Jesus with our sinful actions and hurtful words.

P The consequences of our sin cause us to tremble, tremble, tremble.

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ’s love is greater.)*

P Freely and willingly, Jesus gave his life for you on the cross. Graciously and lovingly, Jesus forgives you of all your sins. Patiently and constantly, Jesus makes all things new through his death on the cross and his victory over death through the empty tomb. Friends: In the name and by the power of Jesus, you are forgiven!

C What a friend we have in Jesus!

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, your sacrifice for us causes us to tremble. Though we were not there, in a way, we were. We were there at the cross because our sin is what drove you to the cross. We were there at the cross because God’s wayward children needed to be redeemed. You were there at the cross because you are our friend. For this, Jesus, we love you and love to be called your friends. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 53:1-6

Epistle Reading ... Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Reading ... John 19:17-30

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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. O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

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, and grant to me 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 for thee.

Be near when I am dying, O show thy cross to me! And, for my succor flying, come, Lord, to set me free: These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move; For he who dies believing dies safely in thy love.

Offering

Prayers

P Standing at the foot of the cross, we tremble to think of all that our Savior has given for us. Kneeling before our God in prayer, we tremble to think of what a privilege it is to carry everything to God in prayer. Hear us now, O Lord, as we come before you in prayer.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We bring our hurts and griefs, our brokenness and regrets to the foot of the cross.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We bring our bodily needs—our need for daily bread, healing of body and soul, and needs of daily life—to the foot of the cross.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We bring the needs of our neighbors—their burdens and fears, their loneliness and losses—to the foot of the cross.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We bring the vulnerable and defenseless—sojourners, orphans, the grieving—to the foot of the cross.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We bring this country that we call home, our leaders, our land and our local communities to the foot of the cross.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We bring those who do not know you yet, those who are in need of a healing and hopeful word to the foot of the cross.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We bring it all to the foot of the cross, knowing that there it is finished and there we find our friend, Jesus.

C Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). On the cross, Jesus finished everything so that you can be reunited with God and others. On the cross, Jesus finished everything so that you can now go as one loved, forgiven and redeemed for all eternity. Amen.

C What a friend we have in Jesus!

Removal of the Christ Candle

Strepitus

(Leave in silence.)

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