



Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Pastor Mark Holman

Prayers/lights: Pastor Mark Holman

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Choir: JOYFUL

Livestream: Tech Team

NOTE: *The office of Tenebrae (the name means "darkness" or "shadows") is a Holy Week devotion dating back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. It is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. The Christ Candle is removed for a time, symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. The "strepitus" is heard (a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb). Then the Christ Candle is returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.*

Good Friday
April 3, 2026



The congregation gathers in silence.

You may wish to meditate on Psalm 85 (found in the front of the Hymnal after page 338), while waiting for the service to begin.

PRELUDE "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Invitation: "...through Christ our Lord", **Response: Amen**

Pastor: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us to ask...

The Lord's Prayer

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

The Responsive Litany

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Hymn: #338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:32-38

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Response: Leader: Father forgive us...
All: For we know not what we do.

First Candle is extinguished

Hymn: "In the Hour of Trial"

In the hour of trial, Jesus plead for me.
Lest by base denial I depart from Thee.
When thou sees me waver, with a look recall;
Nor from fear or favor suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures should this vain world charm,
Or its sordid treasures spread to work me harm,
Bring to my remembrance sad Gethsemane,
Or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-49

"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."

Response

Leader: Let us daily dedicate our lives...

All: To the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Seventh Candle is extinguished.

Special Music: Lawrence Burkhardt - "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

The Christ Candle is removed from the Sanctuary as a sign of Christ's death and burial in the tomb.

The sanctuary is darkened, and there is a period of silence for reflection and meditation. Then the Christ Candle is returned to the sanctuary as a sign of the hope of resurrection.

Worshipers are invited to come forward and light a prayer vigil candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of their devotion to Christ.

The congregation leaves in silence. Those wishing to remain and pray are encouraged to do so.

THE SIXTH WORD
John 19:30 "It is finished."

Response

Leader: May we, O God, at our life's end...

All: Find our work complete in Thee.

Sixth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: #351 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

**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.**

**How art thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion
Were all for sinners gain;
Mine, mine, was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.**

THE SECOND WORD
Luke 23:39-43

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Response Leader:

Lead us, O God...

All:

To Thy eternal kingdom.

Second Candle is extinguished

Anthem: Choir - "Were You There?"

THE THIRD WORD
John 19:25-27

"Woman, behold your son; son, behold your mother."

Response Leader:

Help us, O God...

All:

To love one another.

Third Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: #349 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
"Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

THE FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-49

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Response

Leader: Be ever near, O Father...

All: **And keep us in your sight.**

Fourth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: #347 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
turn not from His griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28-29 "I thirst."

Response

Leader: May we ever thirst, O God...

All: **For the quenching love of your grace.**

Fifth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: #336 "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you
have sent him from your side to walk
upon this guilty sod and
to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and
scorned him as he died. The humble king
we named a fraud and sacrificed
The Lamb of God.

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