

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

Organ Prelude: Air and Gigue

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Welcome & Words of Introduction

***Hymn: O sacred head, sore wounded**

No. 239

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
how art thou pale with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn.

2. 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 Saviour;
'tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favour;
oh grant to me thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,

oh let me never, never
outlive my love for thee.

4. Be near when I am dying;
oh show thy cross to me,
and to my rescue flying,
come, Lord, and set me free:
these eyes, new faith receiving,
from Jesus shall not move,
for those who die believing
die safely through thy love.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

Were you there when they pierced him in his side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

(Silence)

This is the day of grief, a lonely day, forlorn.

This is the moment of mourning, a hurting, tear-stained moment

This is a time to remember that Jesus died alone and
abandoned, mocked and rejected.

**This is a time to reflect upon crucifixion, the death,
the execution of the Messiah.**

(Silence)

May the painful depth, the sadness, the intense horror of this day
touch our hard-heartedness and disturb our indifferent shallowness.

**May it remind us of the brokenness around us and within us,
and convict us in our faith and our action.**

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer
**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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

***Hymn: Were you there**

No. 233

1. 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?

2. 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?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. 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?

6. Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Seven Last Words

1st Word: John 19: 28

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

Silent Prayer

Sung response: Kyrie (*Tune, No. 336*)

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

2nd Word: Mark 15: 25-34

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now,

so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Silent Prayer

Sung response: Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

3rd Word: John 19: 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Silent Prayer

Sung response: Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

***Hymn: My Song is love unknown**

No. 220

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but we made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King;
then "Crucify" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

4th Word: Luke 23: 39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Silent Prayer

**Sung response: Kyrie
Kyrie eleison**

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

5th Word: Luke 23: 33-38

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Silent Prayer

Sung response: Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

6th Word: John 19:29-30

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silent Prayer

Sung response: Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

7th Word: Luke 23: 44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silent Prayer

Sung response: Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Special Music: All in the April evening

Hugh S. Robertson

All in the April evening

April airs are abroad

The sheep with their little lambs

Passed me by on the road

The sheep with their little lambs

Passed me by on the road

All in the April evening

I thought on the lamb of god

The lambs were weary and crying

With a weak human cry

I thought on the lamb of god

Going meekly to die

Up in the blue blue mountains

Dewy pastures are sweet

Rest for the little bodies

Rest for the little feet

But for the lamb, the Lamb of god

Up on the hilltop green

*Only a cross, a cross of shame
Two stark crosses between*

*All in the April evening
April airs were abroad
I saw the sheep with the lambs
And thought on the Lamb of God*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: And can it be**

No. 352

1. And can it be that I should gain
God's riches through the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should'st die for me?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should'st die for me?

2. 'Tis mystery all! the Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more.

3. He left his Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite his grace,
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.

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4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Christ lay in the bonds of death

J. S. Bach

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Coming Events

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday – Service of Praise and Proclamation of the Resurrection, 10:30am

Friday, April 10

Youth Group, 7-9pm

Sunday, April 12

Easter 2 Sunday

Monday, April 13

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, April 15

New Book Study begins: “Surrender to Love”, 7:30pm in person and online

Sunday, April 19

Easter 3 Sunday
Lunch & Learn Presentation from Ontario Caregivers Organization, 12pm

Monday, April 20

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, April 22

Book Study: “Surrender to Love”, 7:30pm in person and online

Saturday, April 25

Women’s Retreat: rooted in stillness, 1:30-7:30pm

Sunday, April 26

Easter 4 / Cairn Camp Sunday

Monday, April 27

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, April 28

Book Club: “Encampment” by Maggie Helwig, 7:30pm via zoom

Wednesday, April 29

Book Study: “Surrender to Love”, 7:30pm in person and online



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