

Worship
Friday, April 3rd, 2026
Good Friday

Prelude: *Just As I Am, without One Plea* Lynette Maynard
Chancel Choir

Welcome

Responsive Candle Lighting

In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep. Then God said,

“Let there be light.”

And there was light. And every day since, the light has come and gone.

The sun has risen and set.

The moon has waxed and waned.

The light is still with us.

In the beginning was the Word, which brought all things into being. What has come into being through him is life,

the light of all people.

The light shined in the darkness,

and the darkness did not overtake it.

When God made the light, when the light of all people came into the world, God did not send away the dark.

The darkness remains.

God created the night for dreams and clarity,

an exhaling of the light.

Let us enter this holy darkness to bear witness to the light of the world who was extinguished by violence.

Let us worship our Incarnate God.

First Reading: Arrest *Luke 22:47-53*

Special Music: *When You Prayed Beneath the Trees* Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Second Reading: Sentencing *Luke 23:13-25*

Special Music: *Ah, Holy Jesus* Arr. Matthew Compton
Exultation Ringers

Invitation to Confession:

Responsive Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we can easily see ourselves ... victims of a world hell-bent on winning.

Prince of Peace, forgive us.

We are Herod, finding our entertainment ... our lives spared while others are crucified.

Prince of Peace, forgive us.

Forgive us, we pray, step into the machinery of a world fueled by division and disrupt us.

Forgive us, Prince of Peace. Kyrie eleison.

Have mercy on us. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Special Music: *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* Arr. Matthew Compton
Exultation Ringers

Third Reading: Crucifixion *Luke 23:33-38*

Reflecting on the Cross (Music): *Crucified* Craig Courtney
Matthew Compton, vocals; Josh Billings, piano

Fourth Reading: Death *Luke 23:44-46*

Continued ...

Final Meditation (Music): *Stricken Smitten and Afflicted*
arr. Matthew Compton

Extinguish the Light (Christ Candle extinguished)

Depart in Silence

Our Staff:

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THIS EVENING's SERVANTS:

Greeter: E-Lois Gebhart & Don Hardy
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