

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 3, 2026
- Good Friday -

*Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his
Church, through the ordinary means of grace.*

Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

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Moment of Silent Reflection

The First Lesson: Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16, 36-44

Our first lesson takes us to the night of Jesus' betrayal by Judas and the moments just before in the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus in anguish is praying to the Father.

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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The Second Lesson: John 18:1-11

Our second lesson is also from the Garden of Gethsemane. After praying to the Father, Jesus sees his betrayer coming and accepts the will of his Father and begins the road to the cross.

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

The Third Lesson: John 18:12-14, Luke 22:54-62, Matthew 26:59-68

In our third lesson we see Jesus taken before chief priests and the whole council to be tried and falsely accused of blasphemy. We also learn of how Peter denied Christ on the night of his trial. Earlier that night Jesus had prophesied that Peter would deny him, and Peter swore that even if it meant his own death he would never deny his Lord.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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The Fourth Lesson: Matthew 27:1-26

Our fourth lesson tells us how the chief priests handed Jesus over to Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea and how Judas, Jesus' betrayer regretted his sin and was driven to despair. Pilate offers the people the release of a single prisoner, Jesus or Barabbas a notorious murderer. To Pilate's surprise the people chose Barabbas and called for Jesus to be crucified.

O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

O come and mourn with me awhile
O come ye to the Savior's side
Oh come together let us mourn
Jesus our Lord is crucified

Seven times He spoke seven words of love
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men
Jesus our Lord is crucified

Chorus

O love of God O sin of man
In this dread act Your strength is tried
And victory remains with love
Jesus our Lord is crucified

O break O break hard heart of mine
Thy weak self love and guilty pride
His Pilate and His Judas were
Jesus our Lord is crucified
A broken heart a fount of tears
Ask and they will not be denied
A broken heart love's cradle is
Jesus our Lord is crucified

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The Fifth Lesson: Mark 15:16-32

In our fifth lesson, Jesus, the Son of God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world is crucified.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 23:32-43, John 19:23-27, Matthew 27:45-54, John 19:28-30, Luke 23:46-49

In our sixth lesson we read the seven last saying of Jesus from the cross as he dies, these sayings have come to be known as "the seven last words of Christ".

Homily

Rev. Nolan Williamson

"Christ Our Substitute"

2 Corinthians 5:21

The Seventh Lesson: John 19:31-42

Our seventh and final Lesson tells us of Christ's burial. After Jesus' death on the cross his disciples took and prepared the body of our Lord and laid it in a sealed tomb.

The Power Of The Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Chorus

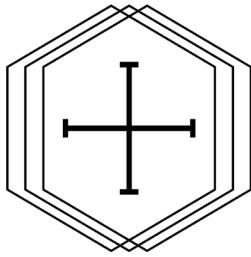
Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

Chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

Benediction



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