

# Good Friday

April 2, 2026

✠ Order of Worship ✠

✠ Preparation ✠

*(Silence is maintained prior to the Worship Service.)*

*(At the appropriate time the Pastors will enter the chancel.)*

## Prophecy of the Suffering and Death of Our Lord

*(from Isaiah 53)*

- P** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
**C** **He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.**
- P** Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
**C** **Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.**

## Hymn

Hymnal Page No. 451 v. 1

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

*(sung)* **Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
See Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;  
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,  
David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it:  
'Tis the true and faithful Word**

- P** But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;  
**C** **the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.**
- P** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;  
**C** **and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

## Hymn

Hymnal Page No. 451 v. 2

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

*(sung)* **Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,  
Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends thro' fear His cause disowning,  
Foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him,  
None would interpose to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that Justice gave.**

- P** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth;  
**C** **He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,**
- P** and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,  
**C** **so He did not open His mouth.**

## Hymn

Hymnal Page No. 451 v. 3

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

*(sung)* **Ye who think of sin but lightly**

**Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly,  
Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the Sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness** *(Stand)*

**P** When our Lord Jesus came into the world, even though He was in the form of God, He made himself nothing. He took the form of a servant, born in the likeness of men. And He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even to death on a cross.

**G** **Heavenly Father, we have borne the image of our father Adam, rather than the image of your Son, Jesus. We have considered ourselves more significant than others. We have done many things out of rivalry and conceit. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and grant us Your peace.**

### **Hymn**

Hymnal Page No. 611 v. 1

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

*(sung)*

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die,  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.**

**P** Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen**

### **Hymn**

Hymnal Page No. 611 v. 2

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

*(sung)*

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me – wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.**

### **✠ Service of The Word ✠**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

### **Reading**

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

## Choral Offering

Adult Choir

"Who is That Man"

## Sermon

**Offering** *(If you are a visitor, please fill out a fellowship card from the pew rack and place it in the offering. The offering is gathered in silence.)*

### ✠ Service of Darkness ✠

## First Word

John 19:14-16a

**P** [Jesus said,] "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you;

**C** **bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.**

**P** "and you will be sons of the Most High,

**C** **for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil."**

**P** <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Luke 23:32-34a

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

## Hymn

Hymnal Page 447 v. 1-2

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

*(sung)* **Jesus, in your dying woes,  
even while your life blood flows,  
Craving pardon for your foes:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Savior, for our pardon sue  
When our sins your pangs renew,  
For we know not what we do:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(The first candle is extinguished)*

## Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

**P** [Jesus said,] Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.'

**C** **For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.**

**P** "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents

**C** **than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."**

**P** <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and

offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## Hymn

Hymnal Page 447 v. 4, 6

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

*(sung)* **Jesus, pitying the sighs  
Of the thief, who near you dies,  
Promising him paradise:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May our hearts to You incline  
And their thoughts Your cross entwine.  
Cheer our souls with hope divine:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(The second candle is extinguished.)*

## Third Word

John 19:25-27

**P** [Jesus said,] "whoever does the will of my Father in heaven

**C** **is my brother and sister and mother."**

**P** To all who did receive him, who believed in his name,

**C** **he gave the right to become children of God.**

**P** <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## Hymn

Hymnal Page 447 v. 7, 9

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

*(sung)* **Jesus, loving to the end  
Her whose heart your sorrows rend,  
And your dearest human friend:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May we all your loved ones be,  
All one holy family,  
Loving, since your love we see:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(The third candle is extinguished)*

## Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-47

**P** [Jesus said,] "I am the light of the world.

**C** **Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

**P** Light has come into the world,

**C** **but people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.**

- P** <sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

## Hymn

Hymnal Page 447 v. 10-11

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

*(sung)* **Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,  
With our evil left alone,**

**While no light from heav'n is shown:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**When we seem in vain to pray  
And our hope seems far away,  
In the darkness be our stay:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(The fourth candle is extinguished)*

## Fifth Word

John 19:28-29

- P** [Jesus said,] "If anyone thirsts,  
**C** **let him come to me and drink.**

- P** "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,  
**C** **'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'**"

- P** <sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

## Hymn

Hymnal Page 447 v. 13-15

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

*(sung)* **Jesus, in your thirst and pain,  
While your wounds your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May we thirst Your love to know;  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(The fifth candle is extinguished)*

## Sixth Word

John 19:30

- P** [Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd  
**C** **and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

- P** "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
**C** **and to give His life as a ransom for many."**

- P** <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Hymn

Hymnal Page 447 v. 16-17

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

*(sung)* **Jesus, all our ransom paid,  
All your Father's will obeyed;**

**By your suff'rings perfect made:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Save us in our soul's distress;  
Be our help to cheer and bless  
While we grow in holiness:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(The sixth candle is extinguished)*

## Seventh Word

Luke 23:45-46; Matthew 27:54

**P** [Jesus said,] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,

**G** **so must the Son of Man also be lifted up.**

**P** "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son,

**G** **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."**

**P** <sup>45</sup>...And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

<sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

## Hymn

Hymnal Page 447 v. 19-20

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

*(sung)* **Jesus, all your labor vast,  
All Your woe and conflict past,  
Yielding up Your soul at last:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**When the death shades round us low'r,  
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,  
Keep us in that trial hour:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(The seventh candle is extinguished)*

*The Christ candle is carried out. A loud noise symbolizes the earthquake at the time of Christ's death.*



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*The Christ candle is returned to its place, symbolizing that our redemption is complete.*

**Lord's Prayer** *(spoken softly by all)*

**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.**

*The Pastors leave.*

*The congregation, after a silent prayer, may leave the church in silence.*

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