

5 - "I am thirsty."

The Fifth Candle Extinguished

Prayer

We pray for the poor and all who are hungry and thirsty in body or soul. We ourselves hunger for your presence and thirst for your grace.

We pray for all who suffer, and for those who exercise power in the world. God, have mercy.

6 - "It is finished."

The Sixth Candle Extinguished

Prayer of Response

Eternal One, you have loved us so deeply, so dearly, so wholly. Christ has faithfully embodied your love among us; the light of your love has shone, even in the darkness. You have set us free from the fear of death, so that we may love courageously.

May we, the church, the Body of Christ, embody your love and forgiveness, and radiate your light. God, have mercy.

Thy Will Be Done

St. John's Chancel Choir
Craig Courtney

*Our cup was filled with darkness.
Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup, and drank it.
And gave us life. And gave us hope.
Gave us himself.*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me.
Yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.*

*In blackest night, we hear him
in dark Gethsemane.
Pleading with the Father*

*For one more hope
For one more way
For one more day.*

*Then they took our Savior,
and led Him to a tree,
and there they broke His body,
poured out His life,
put Him to death
to rise again!*

7 - "Into your hands I commit my spirit."

The Seventh Candle Extinguished

Prayer of Response

O Holy, Indwelling One, may we live by your Spirit, the spirit of gentleness and peace, of compassion and healing. Put to death all that is evil in us, and grant that we may die with Christ, that you may raise us to new life.

Into your hands we commit our spirit. God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. God, have mercy.

In Manus Tuas

St. John's Choral Scholars
Thomas Tallis

*In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me Domine, Deus veritatis.*

*Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

Gospel Lesson - John 19: 31-42, p. 114, N.T.

Rev. Josh Stueve

The Christ candle is removed

Act of Praise

Were You There

Sara Yancey, soprano

*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?*

*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?*

*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?*

Silent Reflection

*The sanctuary will remain open for prayer and silent reflection.
When ready, please depart in silence.*

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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The Worship of God - 6:00 P.M. Service

ENTRANCE

Gather in Silence.

You are invited to use this time of gathering to prepare yourself for worship.

Gathering - Philippians 2: 5-11 Rev. Josh Stueve

Though Christ was by nature divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but emptied himself, took the form of a slave,
and was born as a human.

Lord have mercy.

Appearing in human form,
he humbled himself,
and became obedient to death,
even death on a cross.

Christ have mercy.

Therefore God has highly exalted him,
and given him the name above all others,
that every knee should bend, and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Giver of Life.

Lord have mercy, and grant us your peace.

Prelude Clint Barrick
Meditation on Good Friday Clint Barrick

*Invocation Rev. Ann Akin
On this day we call “Good” Friday, O God, we gather in stillness and deepening shadows to consider again the depths of injustice this world can plumb. We gather to discover again the depths of love your heart can contain. Even in the shadows, God of Love, we wait for you to meet us here.

*Hymn No. 289 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Ah, Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Lighting a Candle for Peace, Hope, and Justice Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin
The light shines in the darkness.
We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.
Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.
Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHRIST'S PASSION STORY

Please observe a moment of quiet reflection between readings.

Gospel Lesson - John 18: 1-27, p. 112, N.T. Leslie Cranford

Gospel Lesson - John 18: 28 - 40, p. 112-113, N.T. Frank Goode

Gospel Lesson - John 19: 1-16a, p. 113, N.T. Michael Jordan

Gospel Lesson - John 19: 16b-30, p. 113-114, N.T. Leisa Goode

**You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.*

***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

Meditation on the Seven Last Words Rev. Josh Stueve

1 - “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” *The First Candle Extinguished*

Prayer
God of truth, we are not aware of our evil or conscious of how we hurt others. Awaken us, O God, that we may be mindful of our sin.
Open the eyes of our hearts, that we may see ourselves with loving clarity, as you see us - and repent. God, have mercy.

Te Lucis Ante Terminum St. John's Choral Scholars
Thomas Tallis

*Te lucis ante terminum,
Rerum Creator poscimus,
Ut solita clementia
Sis praesul ad custodiam.*

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor, Thou
Would'st be our guard and keeper now.*

*Procul recedant somnia,
Et noctium phantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime,
Ne pollutantur corpora.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.*

*Præsta, Pater omnipotens,
Per Iesum Christum Dominum,
Qui tecum in perpetuum
Regnat cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.*

2 - “Today you will be with me in paradise.” *The Second Candle Extinguished*

Prayer
Holy One, you promise us a realm of mercy and justice, yet we thwart it by our judgment and injustice.
Heal us and all the world, that we may truly enter into the Empire of your love that you have prepared for us. God, have mercy.

3 - “Woman, here is your son. Son, here is your mother.” *The Third Candle Extinguished*

Prayer
Christ, you make us one family in your love. We pray for all our siblings and our kin the world over, for communities, and for those who see their children suffer because of injustice.
For the sin of our racism, our divisions and our fears. Forgive us and heal us. God, have mercy.

Hymn No. 286 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

4 - “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” *The Fourth Candle Extinguished*

Prayer
Gentle God, you share our fear and loneliness. You are always present with us and for us. May the Passion of your beloved Son give us help in all our trials, and strength in our human weakness.
We pray for all who are lonely, and all who feel unworthy. God, have mercy.

Forsaken St. John's Chancel Choir
Dan Forrest

*How long, oh God, will You neglect my prayer?
Will You forget these tears of dark despair?
Yet not my will but Yours alone be done:
forsake not man, but me, your sinless son.*

*Oh, why, My God, have You forsaken me?
Why have You refused my final plea?
Though I cry out in sorrow, pain, and fear,
You turn your back in silence, disappear.*

*I, Christ the Son, obey Your
great command, enduring punishment for sinful man.
As Son and silent lamb, I choose this path:
accept rejection to appease Your wrath.*

*I, Christ the Son, bear all their sin alone,
embracing judgment from your glorious throne.
As Son and spotless lamb, I shed my blood
To bring them boldly to your face, My God.*