



Welcome!

Following new CDC guidelines, wearing masks is optional.

We encourage everyone to wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.

We recommend those who are unvaccinated and have not had COVID in the last 90 days mask to protect yourself and others.

Thank you for being careful and gracious toward one another as we live into these times.

In Preparation for Worship

With this Good Friday liturgy, we continue our celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Though we gather to recall our Lord's passion, we celebrate the wonder and mystery of the cross in the sure hope of the resurrection. Today we pray around the cross as the sign of the world's redemption. From the cross flows forgiveness, healing, and salvation. We acclaim the cross as the tree of life, for as Christ vanquishes death and evil, the world is given new birth and a living hope. With all the faithful we are invited to worship, giving thanks for this great mystery of our faith. We depart in silence, ready to return for the Easter celebration and the culmination of The Three Days.

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Passion Chorale)

Jean Langlais

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us remember how the sky went dark.

People: **Let us remember how his mother was there.**

Leader: Let us remember how people mocked him.

People: **Let us remember how his friends fled.**

Leader: Let us remember, how in the midst of all that, Jesus still chose love.

People: **Let us worship holy God.**

Reflection

Hymn #220

Go to Dark Gethsemane, stanzas 1-3

The Arrest and Denial

Luke 22:47-62

Hymn #207

Shadows Lengthen into Night, stanzas 5-7

The Mockery

Luke 22:63-65

Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love is This, stanzas 1-2

The Trial

Luke 22:66-23:12

Music

O Savior of the World

John Goss

Prayer of Confession

God of unfathomable mercy,

if we were there, we'd like to think that we would have defended you.

We'd like to think that we would have stopped the guards and silenced the mockery,
protected your body and defended your name.

However, if we're honest with ourselves,

we probably would have been at the edge of the crowd—silent and afraid.

How often are we silent and afraid? How often do we wait for the stones to cry out for us?

Forgive us. Please forgive us.

We turn to you also with the quiet prayers of our hearts...

(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer. Amen.

The Sentencing

Luke 23:13-25

Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

The Crucifixion

Luke 23:26-43

Music

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

The Death

Luke 23:44-49

Hymn #219

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word, stanzas 1-3

The Burial

Luke 23:50-56

Music

Were You There, stanzas 1, 4 and 5

Traditional Spiritual

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

Leader: We believe that the crucifixion shows us the worst in humanity—
People: **violence inflicted on the innocent, shame poured out in excess,
mockery for the sake of mockery, and abandonment of those we love.**

Leader: We believe that Jesus shows us the best in humanity—
People: **grace where grace is undeserved, humility in the face of power,
justice in the face of oppression, love that overcomes.**

Leader: So today, as one voice,
People: **we choose the latter. We choose love. We choose grace.
We choose one another. We choose to remember. Let it be so. Amen.**

Hymn #471*

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Depart in Silence