



everything [in] between

acceptance & resistance



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 18, 2025 7:00 pm



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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Michelle Moebes, flute
arr. Gary Lanier

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 221*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Arrest and Denial

Luke 22:47-62

Music

Sonata, K. 87
Dominico Scarlatti

The Mockery

Luke 22:63-65

Hymn 274* *stanzas 1 & 4*

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

The Trial

Luke 22:66-23:12

Music

A Lenten Prayer
Hal H. Hopson

Chancel Choir

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.*

*You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself,
oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

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

Hymn 209* stanzas 1, 4 & 5

My Song Is Love Unknown

The Crucifixion

Luke 23:26-43

Music

Were You There
Myles Green,
Myah Rodriguez-Alvarado, Lindsey Sanders

The Death

Luke 23:44-49

Music

When I Suvery the Wondrous Cross
O WALY WALY

Chancel Choir

The Burial

Luke 23:50-56

Hymn 228* *stanzas 4 & 5*

Were You There

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.

Music

What Wondrous Love

Lindsey Sanders, soloist

Depart in Silence

When you leave this evening, please do so quietly.

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If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission),
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