



**Clothed
in Love**
lent 2026

Good Friday

April 3, 2026



GOOD FRIDAY
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
APRIL 3, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

“Sent by his Father, Jesus went and came to us and thus to this place of God’s wrath and seclusion. Why is that? Simply and clearly, in order to take the place of each one of us, to be the object of God’s wrath and be abandoned by God – so that, except for him, no one has to be in that position! He entered the godforsaken state that was our due, in order to take it upon himself, to bear it, and to take it away with the divine power given to him. He cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” in order that we might no longer have to ask that question.

Certainly, no life lacks moments, hours, days, weeks, perhaps years, in which we don’t believe we can ward off the idea that we would like to be abandoned by God – we who have so often abandoned God. One and all, we are mistaken, however, if we feel and think that way. In the light of Good Friday, the state of being godforsaken can only be a shadow, only a pale memory, only a bad dream. It could well be true, but it is not true – not for you and not for me or for anyone – that God has forsaken us.”

- Karl Barth

Welcome

Rev. Jody Andrade

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Lowell Mason

Opening Prayer*

Gracious God,
On this day we gather to remember the death of Jesus at the hands of human sin.
He was despised and rejected, oppressed and afflicted,
yet he was prepared to be wounded for the sake of God's grace and truth.
We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us,
and his commitment to a different way than we deliver.
In response to such love and sacrifice, we hear ourselves called, as his disciples,
to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness,
oppression with justice, and conflict with peace.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn* 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane
stanzas 1-3

THE PASSION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Meditation

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Prayer for Illumination

The Betrayal and Arrest

Matthew 26:47-56

47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." 49 At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. 51 Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" 55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Music

Sonata, K. 32
Domenico Scarlatti

Jesus Before the High Priest

Matthew 26:57-68

57 Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58 But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward 61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" 62 The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" 63 But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." 67 Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, 68 saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Music

Wondrous Love
R. Christopher Teichler

Kimberly Waters, flute

**please stand*

The Denial and The Betrayal

Matthew 26:69-27:10

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." 70 But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." 71 When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." 74 Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. 75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 4 He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." 5 Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." 7 After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. 8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Confession of Sin

Lord, you are the Light of the World, but the world could not heed or hold you.

We find ourselves in this story of human sin.

Have mercy upon us for when we have denied you, betrayed you, mocked you, turned away or strayed from you.

Help us to change this familiar story of failure

into a story of courage, faith and commitment to the kingdom you are making.

Amen.

Hymn* 160

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

stanza 1: Victoria Blaire, solo

stanza 2: Chancel Choir

stanza 3: Congregation

stanza 4: Victoria Blaire, solo

The Trial

Matthew 27:10-31

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." 12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. 13 Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" 14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

15 Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. 16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. 17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 18 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. 21 The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." 22 Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" 23 Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

24 So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." 25 Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 26 So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Music

My Song Is Love Unknown
LOVE UNKNOWN

Victoria Blaire, Myles Green,
Morgan McCray, Kimberly Waters

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:32-44

32 As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. 33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34 they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; 36 then they sat down there and kept watch over him. 37 Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

38 Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." 41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" 44 The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Hymn 212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

The Death

Matthew 27:45-56

45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 46 And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 48 At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 54 Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" other hath said, "They shall behold him, behold the one whom they have pierced."

55 Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Anthem

Pie Jesu Domine
Victor C. Johnson

Chancel Choir

Silence

The Burial

Matthew 27:57-66

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

62 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." 64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.' 65 Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.' 66 So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Solo

Were You There?
Spiritual

Morgan McCray

Silent Prayer

*For those who wish to stay,
the chapel will be open throughout the evening for personal prayer and meditation.
When you leave this evening, please do so quietly.*



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