



GOOD FRIDAY
A Service of The Way of the Cross

Friday, April 3, 2026

7:00 p.m.

The chants that have accompanied us during Lent will return as quiet companions, helping us settle our minds, soften our hearts, and gather our prayers before God. Through simple melody, repetition, and silence, we will remember Christ's passion and trust God's nearness on this holy day of reflection.

CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

Were You There
Beth Peterson, flute meditation

WELCOME

*GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER (unison)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in his death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

286, vs. 1 & 2 (large blue book)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross is a traditional devotion in honor of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Known also as Stations of the Cross, Via Crucis, and Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross had its origins in the Holy Land, but it did not become popular around the world until the 17th Century. In a sense, the Way of the Cross is a mini-pilgrimage through the events that covered the final hours of Jesus' life on earth.

1. Jesus Prays Alone

Luke 22:39-44
The first candle extinguished.

2. Jesus Is Arrested

Matthew 26:47-56
The second candle extinguished.

Music

Stay With Me

Taize' chant

3. Sanhedrin tries Jesus *Mark 14:61 –64*
The third candle extinguished.
4. Pilate tries Jesus *John 18:33 –37*
The fourth candle extinguished.
- Solo *He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word* Dave Kleckner
5. Pilate sentences Jesus *Mark 15:6 –15*
The fifth candle extinguished.
6. Jesus wears the crown of thorns *John 19:5*
The sixth candle extinguished.
7. Jesus carries his cross *John 10:17 –18*
The seventh candle extinguished.
- *Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* 290, vs. 2 & 3 (large blue book)
8. Simon carries the cross *Luke 23:26*
The eighth candle extinguished.
9. Jesus speaks to the women *Luke 23:27 –31*
The ninth candle extinguished.
10. Jesus is crucified *Luke 23:33 –34*
The tenth candle extinguished.
- Music *Jesus, Remember Me* 488, Taize’ Chant, sung 3 times
11. Criminals speak to Jesus *Luke 23:39 –43*
The eleventh candle extinguished.
12. Jesus speaks to Mary and John *John 19:25–27*
The twelfth candle extinguished.
- *Music *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* Taize’ Chant, sung 3 times
*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.*
13. Jesus dies on the cross *John 19:28–34*
The thirteenth candle extinguished
- Choral Expression *Kyrie* Jan Hutchins, accompanist
Silence.

14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

John 19:38–42

The fourteenth candle extinguished

Silent Meditation at the Cross

CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

1) O my people, O my Church,
what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?
I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

2) I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna;
I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven;
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **R**

3) I made you branches of my vineyard
and gave you the water of salvation,
but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior. **R**

4) I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. **R**

5) I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross. **R**

6) My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a servant,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom. **R**

7) I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.
I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you,
but you close your hearts to guidance. **R**

8) I called you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one,
but you continue to quarrel and divide. **R**

9) I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel,
but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt. **R**

10) I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters.
I was hungry but you gave me no food,
thirsty but you gave me no drink.
I was a stranger but you did not welcome me,
naked but you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison but you did not visit me. **R**

The Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

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.

*Dismissal in Silence

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Readers: Andrew Duback, Kent Smith, Tom Hutchins, Scott Daniels, Bill Murphy, Bob Tharp,  
Chris Walters

*Please put your offering in the baskets at the back of the church. Please exit the sanctuary in silence.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 5, 2026 at 9:45 a.m. in our sanctuary**  
**EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT**  
**11:00 a.m. on our front lawn**

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