



# Good Friday

April 18, 2025, 6:30p

*"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."*

## A Service of the Word

✦ Preservice Music ✦ Lighting of the Candles ✦ Meditation ✦

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 22

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## Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.

7 Your cross I place before me;  
Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test.  
It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending  
My way to Your eternal rest.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

We adore you, O Christ, and We bless You:  
**By Your Cross You have redeemed the world.**

God did not spare His own Son:  
**But gave Him up for us all.**

The Lord has laid on Him the guilt of us all:  
**He was stricken for our transgression.**

Those who sow in tears:  
**Shall reap the shouts of joy.**

He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave,  
He came in the likeness of men.  
**At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow.**

Christ, for our sake, became obedient unto death:  
**Even the death of the cross.**

Let us pray, Blessed Jesus, Lord and King, at the hour of darkness you  
hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the  
world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You  
and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.

**Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

*Luke 22:66-23:16*

♪ Sing (TLH 143):

O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, --  
What dark transgression?

SECOND LESSON:

*Luke 23:18-25*

♪ Sing (TLH 143):

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.

THIRD LESSON:

*Luke 23:26-31*

♪ Sing (TLH 143):

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted, --  
God is committed.

FOURTH LESSON:

*Luke 23:32-38*

♪ Sing (TLH 143):

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.

ADULT CHOIR  
"Forsaken"

FIFTH LESSON:

*Luke 23:39-43*

♪ Sing (TLH 172):

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.

SIXTH LESSON:

*Luke 23:44-49*

♪ Sing (TLH 172):

Now from Thy cheeks has vanished  
Their color, once so fair;  
From Thy red lips is banished  
The splendor that was there.  
Grim Death, with cruel rigor,  
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou has lost Thy vigor,  
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

SEVENTH LESSON:

*Luke 23:50-56*

♪ Sing (TLH 172):

Here I will stand beside Thee,  
From Thee I will not part;  
O Savior, do not chide me!  
When breaks Thy loving heart,  
When soul and body languish  
In death's cold, cruel grasp,  
Then, in Thy deepest anguish,  
Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.

SERMON:  
"Real Death"

♪ Sing (TLH 172):

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.

Be Thou my Consolation,  
My Shield when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy Passion  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee.  
Who dieth thus dies well!

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ADULT CHOIR

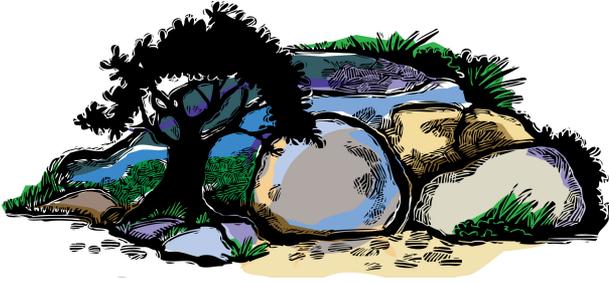
“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

‡ SILENCE: EXTINGUISH CANDLES ‡

*No Doxology*

*NO ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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JESUS' SABBATH REST  
UNTIL EASTER MORNING

**8 AM Easter Breakfast**  
**10 AM Worship: The Resurrection of Our Lord**