



**The Order of Worship** **April 3, 2026**  
**8:00pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**PRELUDE** Chorale Prelude and Fugue on Johannes Brahms  
*O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid* (O Darkest Woe, O Heart's Pain)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

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**\*HYMN NO. 221** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

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One: I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy on us.**

One: Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy on us.**

One: I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy on us.**

One: I planted you as my first vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy on us.**

One: I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
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have mercy on us.**

One: I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on the cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy on us.**

One: I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God,  
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**ANTHEM** Morning Glory, Starlit Sky Barry Rose

Morning glory, starlit sky, Soaring music, scholar's truth, Flight of swallows, autumn leaves, Memory's treasure, grace of youth:  
Open are the gifts of God, Gifts of love to mind and sense; Hidden is love's agony, Love's endeavour, love's expense

Love that gives, gives evermore, Gives with zeal, with eager hands, Spares not, keeps not, all outpours, Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full, Bound in setting others free, Poor in making many rich, Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God Helpless hangs upon the tree; And the nails and crown of thorns Tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God, no monarch he, Throned in easy state to reign; Here is God, whose arms of love, Aching, spent, the world sustain. Text by W.H. Vanstone

**HOMILY** "Cross Talk" Rev. Gradye Parsons

**ANTHEM** Jesu Dulcis Memoria Tomás Luis de Victoria

Jesus, the very thought of Thee, with sweetness fills my breast, but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. Text by Bernard of Clairvaux

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\*\*** (Responsive)

One: O God, from whose eyes the measure of our faith is not hidden, wrench from us now all religiosity, all rules and regulations from our scheduled selves that separate us from your Holy Spirit.

**All: O God, who calls each of us by name to be the church, give us love enough to make a difference, give us vision enough to follow, give us endurance enough to hold steadfast in the face of the unholy.**

One: O God, who claims us as disciples, bless us now and touch us with your holiness that we might have commitment enough to be good news to the poor.

**All: O God of the bruised, we pray for healing. Comfort those who cry in dark corners; the lonely, the strangers, the weary, the fearful, the disappointed, the anxious, the depressed, the forsaken, the dispirited, the grieving, and those who lie in sickness and in pain.**

One: O God who wept over Jerusalem, open our eyes to those around us who scream in silence the depth of their despair. O God of compassion heal our hard hearts to tenderness.

**All: Of God of the oppressed, fire us with justice that we might proclaim liberty to the captives. O God who gave us the rainbow and parted the Red Sea, we dare to pray for miracles for the powerless.**

One: O God of the hungry, we pray for those who have not bread. Remove, O God, the bondage of hunger by removing our shackles so that we might share our bread.

**All: O God of those without shelter, we pray for those who have no land. We pray that you will open the doors of our hearts and let your wandering people in.**

One: O God of the captives, have mercy on those who must live out their lives enslaved to someone else because of race or politics or economics or faith. Loose our bonds that we might risk our own securities on their behalf.

**All: O God of peace, give peace to our hearts and to our nation and to our world. O Lamb of God, have mercy on us! Amen.**

**JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL**

Matthew 26:20-25; 30-35



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**SERVING TODAY**

**LITURGISTS:** Mary Boyd, Jaclyn Beeler, Daniel Berry

**GREETERS:** Kathy Parson and Amanda Fox

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Ruth Ann Bendy and Kyle Foster, soloists

**Sunday, April 5 - Easter**

**9:00am** - Worship - Sanctuary

**10:00am** - Easter Breakfast

**10:30am** - Egg Hunt

**11:00am** - Worship - Sanctuary



**HYMN NO. 218** Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1 and 2) HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this up on thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. ‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

**JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN** Luke 22:40-62

**ANTHEM** Ave Verum Corpus William Byrd

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of us all. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.

**ARREST** Mark 15:1-20

**CRUCIFIXION** Mark 15:21-32

**HYMN NO. 223** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

Stanza 1: Solo

Stanzas 2-4: All

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**THE DEATH** Mark 15:33-39

**ANTHEM** Were you There Traditional Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT** Isaiah 53:3-6

**EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT**

**STREPITUS (THE DEATH OF OUR LORD)**

*Please depart in Silence*

\*\*Prayers of the People by Ann Weems.

