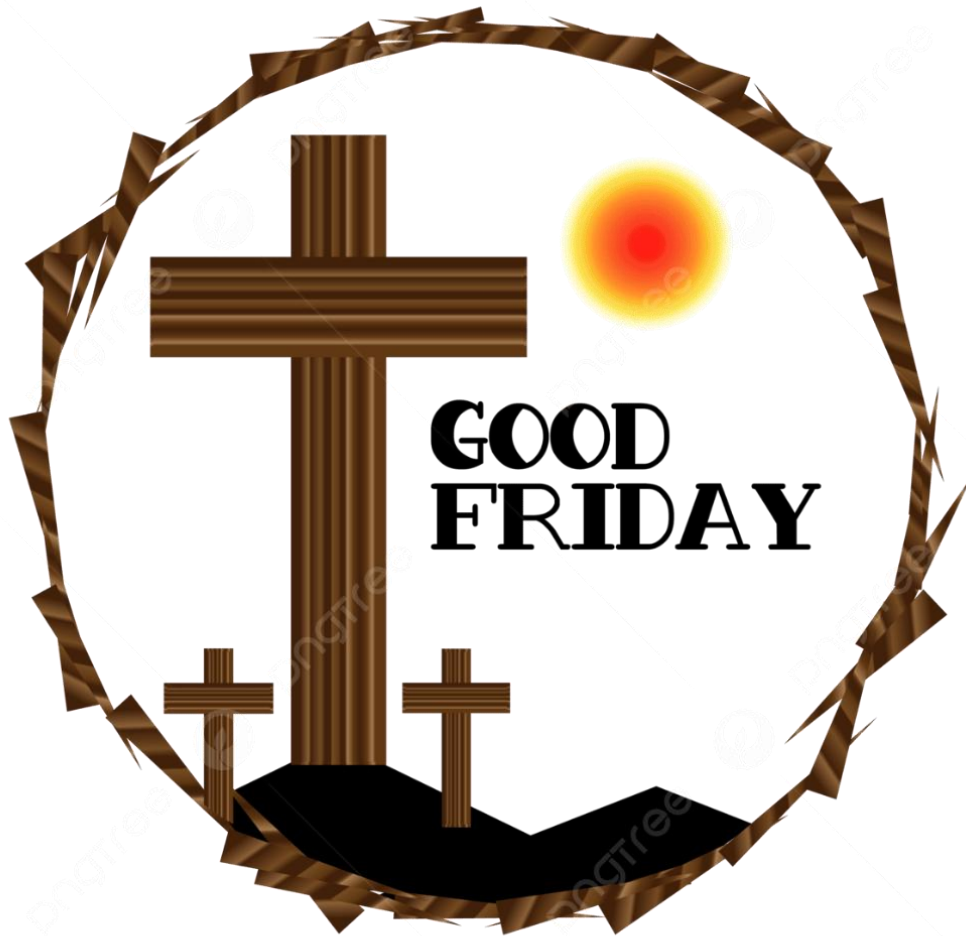


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GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3, 2026
7:00PM

April 3, 2026
Good Friday - 7:00 pm

WELCOME

Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”) was the name given to the medieval predawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. In the monastic practice, it was a service of prayers and readings from Scripture. As the light began to dawn, the candles used for reading were gradually extinguished, so that at the end of the service, the rising sun provided the necessary light for reading and singing

PRELUDE *Ah, Holy Jesus* - arr. John Carter
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - arr. Michael Burkhardt

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (ELW 338)



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us¹ worship him.

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BIDDING PRAYERS:

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God,

you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.

By your Holy Spirit guide the church
and gather it throughout the world.

Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our bishops, for our pastor(s), for our deacon(s), and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Almighty and eternal God,

your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.

Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors,
other ministers, and lay leaders.

Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,
and help each of us in our various vocations
to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church.

Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.

Give them new birth as your children,

and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.

Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.

Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Almighty and eternal God,

long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.

Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own
may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace
all those who call out to you under different names.

Bring an end to inter-religious strife,
and make us more faithful witnesses
of the love made known to us in your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity
so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.

Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace
in the world and through us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God,

you are the creator of a magnificent universe.

Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Almighty and eternal God,
you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,
and a share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,
and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

John 18:1-11 *Martie Veilleux*

Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* ELW 347 (verses 1&2)



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

SILENT PRAYER / EXTINGUISHING OF FIRST CANDLE

John 18:12-27 *Rich McEntire*

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus* ELW 349 (verses 1&2)



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

SILENT PRAYER / EXTINGUISHING OF SECOND CANDLE

John 18:28-40 *Bonney Coldsmith*

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus* ELW 349 (verses 3,4,5)



3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of-fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je-sus, was thine in-car-na-tion, thy mor-tal
5 There-fore, kind Je-sus, since I can-not pay thee, I do a-



sin-ned, and the Son hath suf-fered; for our a-tone-ment,
sor-row, and thy life's ob-la-tion; thy death of an-guish
dore thee, and will ev-er pray thee; think on thy pit-y



while we noth-ing heed-ed, God in-ter-ced-ed.
and thy bit-ter pas-sion, for my sal-va-tion.
and thy love un-swerv-ing, not my de-serv-ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

SILENT PRAYER / EXTINGUISHING OF THIRD CANDLE

John 19:1-7 *Becky Pecha*

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW 351 (verses 1&2)



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

SILENT PRAYER / EXTINGUISHING OF FOURTH CANDLE

John 19:8-16a *Marjorie Dale*

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW 351 (verses 3&4)



3 What lan-guage shall I bor-row to thank thee, dear-est friend,
4 Lord, be my con-so-la-tion; shield me when I must die;



for this thy dy-ing sor-row, thy pit-y with-out end?
re-mind me of thy pas-sion when my last hour draws nigh.



Oh, make me thine for-ev-er, and should I faint-ing be,
These eyes, new faith re-ceive-ing, from thee shall nev-er move;



Lord, let me nev-er, nev-er out-live my love to thee.
for all who die be-liev-ing die safe-ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

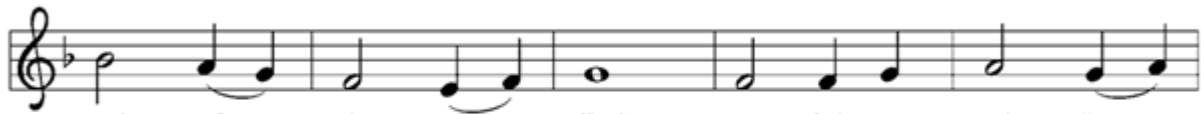
SILENT PRAYER / EXTINGUISHING OF FIFTH CANDLE

John 19:16b-22 *Kathy Bowen*

Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ELW 803 (verses 1&2)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

SILENT PRAYER / EXTINGUISHING OF SIXTH CANDLE

John 19:23-30 *Wayne Dale*

Hymn: *Were You There* ELW 353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

SILENT PRAYER / EXTINGUISHING OF SEVENTH CANDLE

John 19:31-42 *Rev. Julia Brown*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *The Sparrow's Song* - Joseph Martin

“I will build my nest in the arms of the tree,” sang the sparrow soft and low:

“The cross that stands upon the hill will keep me safe, I know.

For the tree will be a shelter strong, a tower high above,
A place where I can sing my song and know that I am loved.”

“I will build my nest in the arms of the tree that held the Lord of life,
The Keeper of all fragile things, the One who gave me flight.

For He sees me when on clouds I soar, He hears me when I sing.
He holds me close through ev’ry storm, I am safe beneath His wings.
Tree of mercy, tree of grace, in your shadow there is hope.

Tree of comfort, tree of life, in your branches I am home.”

“I will take my rest at the foot of the tree,” said the sinner tired and worn.

“Beneath the cross of Calvary is where I’ll make my home.

For the cross will be my tower of strength, a sacred hiding place.

And in love’s shadow I will fall and give myself to grace.

And give myself to grace.”

The single candle will be removed following the anthem.

The congregation sits in silent darkness. A loud noise is made during the darkness to represent the stone being rolled to seal the tomb, during which time the congregation can silently pray The Lord’s Prayer. The single candle will return to the altar table to help us remember that even on Good Friday we are still Easter people.

RETURN OF THE LIGHT

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

DEPART IN SILENCE

The service continues Easter Sunday with worship at 10:45 a.m. with special music beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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