



Good Friday

Order of Worship

April 7, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.

Today God makes common cause with our human suffering. We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day Christ died. Suffering is not rational; it has no answer. But in the cross God meets us in our suffering. From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us. God, into your hands we commend our Spirits. Amen.

Gathering

Prelude *Shadows Lengthen into Night* by Sally Ann Morris

Tolling of the Bell

Introit

Stay with Me

GTG #204

*Good Friday Litany

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you are always faithful, even when we betray you.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you claim us as your own, even when we deny you.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you clothe us in your righteousness, even when we give you a crown of thorns.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you bless us with your word, even when we mock and curse you.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you reach out to us in love, even when we reject and despise you.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you pour out your grace for us, even when we give you sour wine.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you give your life to save us, even though we crucify you.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy God, when Jesus cried and breathed his last you tore away the ancient curtain between heaven and earth, life and death. As we turn to face the cross, show us Jesus, in his suffering and glory, that we may believe and have eternal life; through Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown (Verse 1: solo; Verses 2-4: all; Verse 5: solo)

GTG #209

Soloist: Luis Muñoz, Baritone

The Word

Prayer for Illumination		Emmett Wise
Matthew 26:3-5, 14-25 Hymn	The Plot to Kill Jesus <i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i> (Verses 1, 2, 4)	Meredith Trafton GTG #218
Matthew 26:30-56 Anthem	Temptation, Betrayal, and Desertion <i>From the Depths</i> Sanctuary Choir	The Rev. Bill Clark C.W. Gluck
Matthew 26:57-75 Hymn	The Charges Against Jesus <i>Our Darkness Is Never Darkness in Your Sight</i>	The Rev. Lana Russell GTG #678
Matthew 27:1-26 Solo	Jesus's Trial Before Pilate A Dissonant Improvisation on "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" Spiritual arr. by Taylor/Stack Sheryl Stack, piano	Brooke Moore
Matthew 27:27-43 Solo	The Crucifixion <i>Were You There?</i> Elise Ragland, Soprano	Chip Somerville arr. by Gwentyth Walker
Matthew 27:45-60 Hymn	Jesus's Death and Burial <i>What Wondrous Love Is This?</i>	GTG #215

Sending

Draping of the Elements Response	<i>O God of Love: A Meditation for Organ</i> <i>Jesus, Remember Me</i>	by John Corigliano GTG #227
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Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)

Let all depart in prayerful silence.