

**Good Friday**  
**March 29, 2024**

**Welcome**

**Bidding Prayer**

*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. O Lord, bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. Grant that all people may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. Hold all of creation, O Lord, in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. 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. Finally, O Lord, 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. We pray all these things through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart, strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee,  
Pure, warm, and changeless be a living fire!

When life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide!  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

**Prayer of the Day**

*Almighty God,*

Look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, denied, rejected, and to suffer death on a cross. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## Reading

**John 17:25-18:11**

*The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

## Hymn

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus*** (Verse 1)

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

## Reading

**John 18:12-18**

*Peter Denies Jesus*

## Hymn

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus*** (Verse 2)

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me,  
And from my contrite heart with tears, two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

## Reading

**John 18:19-23**

*The High Priest Questions Jesus*

## Hymn

***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** (Verse 1)

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.

## Reading

**John 18:24-27**

*Peter Denies Jesus Again*

## Hymn

***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** (Verse 2)

How pale thou art with anguish with sore abuse and scorn,  
How does thy face now languish which once was bright as morn.  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain,  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

## Reading

**John 18:28-38a**

*Jesus Before Pilate*

## Hymn

***Go to Dark Gethsemane*** (Verse 1)

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r,  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour,  
Turn not from his griefs away, learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

**Reading**

**John 18:38b-19:16**  
*Jesus Sentenced to Death*

**Hymn**

**Go to Dark Gethsemane** (Verse 2)

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned,  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss, learn from him to bear the cross.

**Reading**

**John 19:17-30**  
*The Crucifixion of Jesus*

**Closing Prayer**

*Merciful God,*

Your son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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 and ever.  
Amen.**

**Closing Anthem**

***Were You There?***

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O – O – Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord