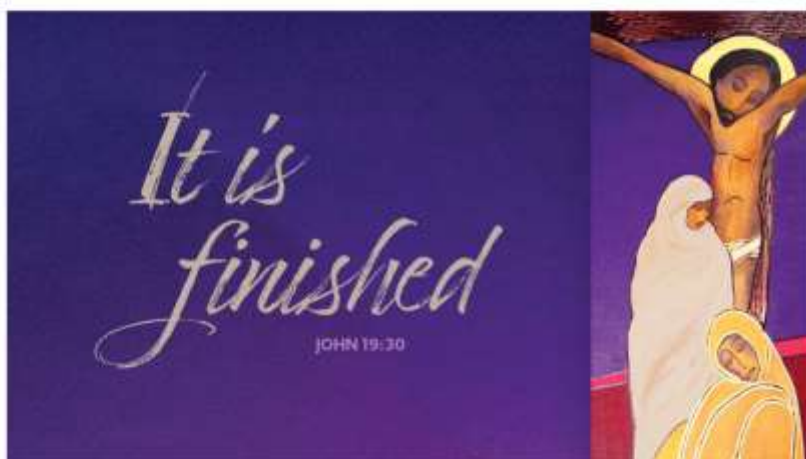




## GOOD FRIDAY



Friday, March 29, 2024  
7:00p Worship Service

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*Good Friday*

## **Welcome to Grace**

We come to worship as God's people held with unending love.  
We celebrate communion every Sunday. All baptized persons are welcomed at Jesus' table. Those not communing are welcome to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

The ushers will assist with the continuous communion distribution.

### **Teal Attendance Folders**

Members and visitors, please make use of the teal folders located in the seat backs. Place the completed top sheet in the offering plate with your offering. You may use an on-line giving card that your electronic giving may be blessed.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Please let us know how we can pray for you by using this QR code. Using your smart phone, aim your camera to the QR code pictured here and complete the form.  
Once you have submitted a name, it will be included in the bulletin's prayer list.



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## INTRODUCTION

*Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*

## GATHERING

*All gather in silence. The assembly stands when the ministers stand.*

## 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.**

## TENEBRAE

The word *Tenebrae* is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." "The *Tenebrae* service is an ancient tradition in Christian history to remember the somber events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday. The flames of candles are extinguished one by one as Scripture readings are shared to tell the story of Holy Week."

## REFLECTION

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803)*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence for prayer follows each bid.*

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

*Silent 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.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for our bishops, presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, synod Bishop Sue Briner, for *Pastor Hephzi*, and for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*Silent prayer.*

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 in the lives of Christians,  
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*Silent prayer.*

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.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

## **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.**

## **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

*A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.*

**Behold the life-giving cross,  
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
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*The assembly may be seated. During this time, or at the end of the service, worshippers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.*



## **WE GLORY IN YOUR CROSS**

We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

**May God be merciful and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.  
Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Soloist**      *“Were You There When God Raised Him from the Tomb”*

*Reverencing the cross: During this song worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverence of the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.*

## **INSTRUCTION**

*As you leave, stop by the baptismal font. Touch the water again. Baptism is death and rebirth. There is no resurrection without death. Go forth knowing that through it all, your seal as a Child of God is complete. You are God's beloved.*

