

Welcome to Worship

Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.

Friday, April 3, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Good Friday



Please Note: Worship services are broadcast on local TV and online. Being in the Sanctuary implies consent to be on camera. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit in the back rows or balcony. Communion may be brought to you in your pew.

Prelude

*Air for Flute (from “St. Matthew Passion”)
J.S. Bach*

Welcome and Announcements

Today we gather to ponder the deep mystery of the cross as we continue our Lenten journey together. We will hear the Word read, followed by a prayer petition spoken together, and join our voices in song.

Gathering Prayer: Almighty God, look with 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Solemn Reproaches

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. 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 prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. 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 prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. 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 prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but 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 prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

P: First Reading: Luke 23:26-27, 32-34 "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

C: Jesus in thy dying woes, even while thy life blood flows, craving pardon for thy foes: Hear us holy Jesus.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 1-3)

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P: Second Reading: Luke 23:39-43 "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

C: Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near thee dies, promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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P: Third Reading: John 19:19-27 "Woman, behold your son! Son, behold your mother!"

C: Jesus, loving to the end, her whose heart thy sorrows rend, and thy dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1-2)

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P: Fourth Reading: Matthew 27:45-46 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

C: When we seem in vain to pray, and our hope seems far away, in the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (v.3-5)

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P: Fifth Reading: John 19:28-29 "I thirst."

C: Jesus in thy thirst and pain, while thy wounds thy lifeblood drain, thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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

P: Sixth Reading: John 19:30 "It is finished."

C: Jesus all our ransom paid, all thy Father's will obeyed, by thy sufferings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.

P: Seventh Reading: Luke 23:46 "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

C: May thy life and death, supply grace to live and grace to die, grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Hymn

Were You There

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Benediction

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

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

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending

Scenes from a Solemn Cross
Willams/ Nolan

Chancel Choir

The congregation leaves in silence.

We welcome you to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! Two Easter services with communion will be held this Sunday morning at Grace Lutheran Church.

Easter Burning of the Lenten Baggage Box 8:15AM

Easter Traditional Worship with Re-dressing of the Alter at 8:30AM

Easter Contemporary Worship at 10:45AM



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