

Good Friday

7:00 p.m.

April 7, 2023

Prelude *Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. J. Brahms

Welcome & Prayer

**Call to Worship*

Fear and fascination drew observers to the first Holy Friday. These emotions have attracted people ever since.

All: We cannot flee from the pain and suffering which Jesus experienced on our behalf.

We wonder why one so faithful and loving had to face the agony of rejection and death.

All: Jesus was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

In worship tonight we join Christ at Calvary, aware of our involvement in the cruelty there.

All: Our faithfulness is tested at the cross and our lives are judged by our response.

**Hymn 228*

Were You There (Verses 1-2)
August McFeaters, flute

WERE YOU THERE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you have created us and given life to all things, but we have chased after other gods and ridiculed those who practice their faith too seriously. We have tried to put you to the test but have not wanted to be tested ourselves. We place conditions on our belief and limit our trust while the One you sent to love us is rejected, tortured, and killed. O God, what have we done? Is it too late to be a disciple? Hear our cry.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God's love is not destroyed at Golgotha, nor diminished by our unclear reflection of its saving power. God reaches out to heal and revive us, and to reveal again the love that will not let us go. We are invited to know the One beyond all knowing and to accept the gifts God offers.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Hymn 228*

Were You There (Verses 3-4)
August McFeaters, flute

WERE YOU THERE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 18:1-11 The Arrest

Scripture Reading John 18:12-27 The Interrogation

Hymn 221 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Passion Chorale

Scripture Reading John 18:28-19:16a The Trial

Bell Choir *Go to Dark Gethsemane* arr. Barbara B. Kenyon

Scripture Reading John 19:16b – 22 The Crucifixion

Bell Choir *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Barbara B. Kenyon

<i>Scripture Reading</i>	John 19:23 – 30	The Spirit is Given Up
<i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	Thy Will be Done	Craig Courtney
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	John 19:31 – 37	The Scripture Fulfilled
<i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	I Wonder Why	arr. Lloyd Pfautsch
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	John 19:38-42	The Burial

Strepitous

A loud noise symbolizing the earth shaking and rock splitting that followed Jesus' crucifixion.

***Hymn 228**

Were You There (Verse 5)
August McFeaters, flute

WERE YOU THERE

Solemn Intercessions & The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:3-12

Depart in silence....



Easter Sunday
April 9
Worship Services
9:00am and 11:00am
Easter Egg Hunt
10:00am-10:45am

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