



Good Friday

*“He was wounded for our transgressions...
with His stripes, we are healed.”*

April 3, 2026
6:30 p.m.

The Three Days, One Experience of Worship

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter comprise the Triduum—an ancient, unified act of worship stretching over three days. Tonight, our worship during this time continues, after which we look ahead to the observance of the Vigil tomorrow evening.



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM
Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed



Virtual Worship Bulletins

Solemn Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae. From a Latin word meaning shadows or darkness, is an ancient service designed to impress upon the minds and hearts of believers the tragic consequences of humankind's sin and the greatness of the Savior's sacrifice on the cross.

The service begins with the tolling of a bell, symbolizing the solemnity of death. During the Tenebrae Devotion, we hear the Passion According to St. John, the traditional reading of Good Friday. Candles are extinguished, depicting the denial and gradual flight of the disciples and friends from Jesus. The encroaching darkness reminds us of our own desertion of Christ and the consequences of such separation. At the completion of the reading, we remove the central candle and hear the loud streptius reminding us of the death of Jesus.

Note for Worship

At the close of worship tonight,
we will sit in darkness.

Lights will then come up slightly.

We depart quietly by walking up the center aisle,
passing the cross and exiting to the left through the
front side door.

Good Friday

Solemn Service of Tenebrae

BELL TOLL FOR SOLEMN PROCESSION

Please stand as able

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Blessed be our God,
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

(please be seated)

VOLUNTARY O Sacred Head Now Wounded arr. Evelyn R. Larter

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

**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.**

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never out-live my love to thee.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Leslie Long

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

TAIZÉ SONG

Bless the Lord, My Soul

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

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Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

SILENCE

TAIZÉ SONG

La Ténèbre (Our Darkness)

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

deep - est night is clear as the day light. Our -
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re. La té -

Last time

TENEBRAE DEVOTION

Interspersed among the readings will be a sung Litany, first introduced on the violin, then sung by the Cantor with the Choir and Congregation responding with a chant from Taizé.

(A word concerning the music of Taizé – hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France, is an ecumenical community of brothers for whom prayer is at the heart of their lives. Founded in 1940, this community, made up of Protestants and Roman Catholics from some 20 different countries, has hosted thousands of people who visit annually, entering into the prayer and spirit of the community.)

The Latin refrains, because of the natural “color” of the language, bear up under constant repetition better than any vernacular:

“Memento nostri Domine” (Remember us, O Lord)

--Brother Jacques Berthier

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 18:1-11

First candle is extinguished

Gail Griffin

Cantor/Congregation:



O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright. Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

John 18:12-27

Second candle is extinguished

Leslie Long

Cantor/Congregation



Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

John 18:28-40

third candle is extinguished

Cheryl Sharpe

Cantor/Congregation:



Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also to share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

John 19:1-7

fourth candle is extinguished

Maureen Belote

Cantor/Congregation:



Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept even with joy the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

John 19:8-16a

fifth candle is extinguished

Carey Cherivtch

Cantor/congregation:



Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; whose consolation and hope are in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

John 19:16b-22

sixth candle is extinguished

Rhiannon Sharpe

Cantor/Congregation:



Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son, you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

John 19:23-25a

seventh candle is extinguished

Gail Griffin

Cantor/Congregation:



Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

John 19:25b-30

The "Christ" candle is extinguished

John 19:31-40

Cantor/Congregation:



Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.



Me-men-to no-stri Do - mi - ne. Me-men-to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

SILENCE

STREPITUS

SILENCE

VOLUNTARY

Phos hilaron

Richard Proulx

PRAYER

O God; your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

Worshippers may remain in prayer for as long as desired.

We leave in silence, walking up the center aisle, passing the cross and exiting to the left through the front side door.

Join us tomorrow evening at 6:30pm for our Easter Vigil service, followed by a celebratory reception.

We will begin the Vigil service on the patio.

On Good Friday, it is customary that the offering from services go to support the life and mission of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Cantor	Michelle Thomas
Violin	Karen Reimers
Crucifer	Tony Bowman
Readers	Gail Griffin, Leslie Long, Cheryl Sharpe, Maureen Belote, Carey Cherivtch, and Rhiannon Sharpe
Ushers	Mary and Jim Ratliff, and Sherry Boothe