

April 3, 2026, Good Friday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft, Linda Andrews,
Betty Pilgrim, Bob Rose and Jean Rose
Ushering: Marilyn Adams and Susan Pike

*Please rise as you are able where there is an * in the service.
Print in **bold** indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

We Gather in Silence

*Everyone is asked to maintain prayerful silence as they enter the
sanctuary.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Isaiah 52:13-53:12)*

We gather to remember Jesus, who suffered yet was exalted.
He was beaten and disfigured, so he no longer looked human.
Yet he will astonish nations, rulers silenced because of him.
He was despised and avoided; because of his suffering,
people hid their faces and tried to turn away.
But he lifted up our brokenness so we could be made whole.
Like sheep we had wandered away, each going its own way;
but he came like a lamb, a ewe silent before her shearers.
He was led away, struck down because of the crimes of others.
Now he is lifted up. He stands before God. In him all are free.

PROCESSION WITH THE CROSS

HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown" *(Voices United 143)*

OPENING REFLECTION

We Pause to Remember

As the readings progress, candles are also progressively extinguished.

Reading 1: John 18:1-12 *(a rope is placed at foot of the cross)*

Reading 2: John 18:12-27 *(a rooster is placed at foot of the cross)*

Reading 3: John 18:28a, 33-38a *(a rope is tied to the cross)*

Reading 4: John 19:1-16a (*a crown of thorns is placed on cross*)

HYMN: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (*Voices United 135*)

Reading 5: John 19:16b-25a (*a red cloth is draped on the cross*)

Reading 6: John 26-27 (*an image of Mary is placed near cross*)

* **HYMN:** “O Sacred Head” (*Voices United 145*)

Reading 7: John 27-30

The final candle is extinguished. All mark a time of silence.

Reading 8: John 19:38-42

LITANY AND PRAYER OF JESUS

The sung response to the litany is: “Jesus Remember me” (VU 148)

We Leave in Sorrow

* **HYMN:** “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” (*Voices United 142*)

FINAL WORD: “We Don’t Know What to Do”, Andrea Skevington

You are invited to depart in silence.

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