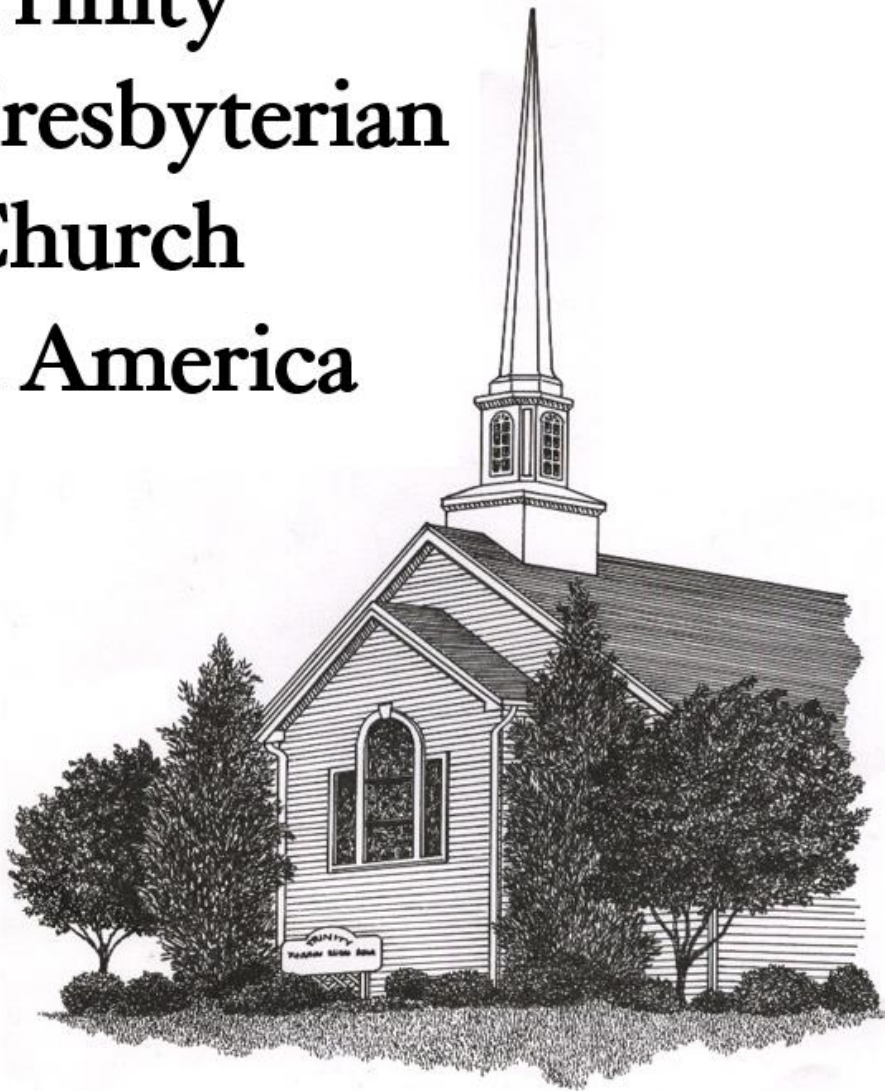


# Trinity Presbyterian Church in America



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## Good Friday Service of Lament

April 3, 2026

12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

### Order of Worship

#### Prelude

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*  
*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
*The Power of the Cross*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Arr. Lloyd Larson  
Arr. Jason D. Payne

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 22:1-5

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

#### \*Hymn

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

No. 246

#### Opening Prayer

For dogs encompass me;  
 a company of evildoers encircles me;  
 they have pierced my hands and feet[a]—  
 I can count all my bones—  
 they stare and gloat over me;  
 they divide my garments among them,  
 and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!  
 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
 my precious life from the power of the dog!  
 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
 You have rescued[b] me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
 For he has not despised or abhorred  
 the affliction of the afflicted,  
 and he has not hidden his face from him,  
 but has heard, when he cried to him.

### Confession of Sin

**O Lord, our holy God,**

**Help us and heal us. We are stubborn, blind people who repeatedly and willfully stray away from you. Like children who don't want their parents to hold their hands while walking through a dangerous city, we will not stay near you. In our blindness, even our ability to confess our sin has been distorted. Some of us are emotionally unaffected by the fact that we are helpless sinners without your mercy, and are indifferent to the cost of our rebellions. We speak words of confession out of principle, out of duty, and out of habit, but rarely out of awareness of our need and our helpless state. Others of us are so undone by our habitual falls into sin that we can barely look up to you for help. Lost**

**in the anxiety of our unbelief, we speak words of confession out of fear, out of desperation and out of hopelessness, but seldom out of confidence that you love us and have invited us into the blessedness of repentance and forgiveness.**

**Yet Christ has acknowledged our helpless estate and has shed his own blood for our souls. This blood gives us confidence to confess our failures to you. Where we have failed to approach you with honest, sincere, and confident words, Christ stands in our place, laying before you his heart in truth and passion, with no sin or mixed motives. As he hung on the cross, shredded for our iniquities, the sorrows that were rightfully ours were given to him in fullest measure. Your steadfast love surrounds us, because your steadfast love was taken away from him. What a precious, atoning, ransoming love!**

**In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

Confession of sin adapted from *Streams of Mercy*, by B. Duguid.

**\*Hymn**

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

**No. 251**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 53:10-12**

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
    he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
    he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
    make many to be accounted righteous,  
    and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
    and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
    and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
    and makes intercession for the transgressors.

(ESV)

## Hymn of Meditation

### *Man of Sorrows*

Words and Music by Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood

*Man of sorrows, Lamb of God by His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid*

*Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned  
Bowling to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns.*

*Oh, that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
And now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee.*

*Sent of heaven God's own Son to purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.*

*See the stone is rolled away behold the empty tomb,  
Hallelujah, God be praised, He's risen from the grave.*

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 27: 15-61

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want

me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

### **Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified**

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

### **Jesus Is Mocked**

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

### **The Crucifixion**

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

## **The Death of Jesus**

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land<sup>[f]</sup> until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

## **Jesus Is Buried**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

## **Intercessory Prayer**

### **\*Hymn**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

**No. 247**

**Scripture Reading**

**Nehum 1:9 to 2:2  
Church Bible Pg. No. 993**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Mike Wolcott**

**“God Has to Punish Sin”**

**\*Hymn**

***Lift High the Cross***

**No. 263**

**Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Nachspiel*

Anton Bruckner

**\*Congregation Standing As You Are Able**

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