

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026
7:00 PM

✠ Rise in body or in spirit.

The congregation speaks /
sings the text in **bold** type.



For information about the
ministries, mission, and activities
please visit duluthumc.org.



Children of all ages are welcome
in worship.

Children newborn through Pre-K
are invited to go to Childcare
Corner, near the Gathering
Room.



Listening devices are available
during all worship services.
Please see an usher or greeter
for assistance.



Introduction to the Service

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, *Associate Pastor*

Prelude | *Ave Verum Corpus* – W.A. Mozart

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino, *Associate Pastor*

Today God makes common cause with our human sufferings.

**We read the scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day
Christ died.**

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go
where God is not with us.

✠ Call to Confession

The promise of our faith is that if we call on the name of the Lord, our
God will remember our sin no more. Therefore let us confess our
wrongdoing.

Prayer of Confession

**Christ, at times we act as if we don't know you, at times we say of
you, "Away with him!" When we think of those times we weep and
ask you to forgive us. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Take heart, Jesus Christ, the son of God, who understands our human
experience and sympathizes with our weakness offers our forgiveness.

THE PASSION

Mark 14:43-50, 66-72

Kay Montgomery

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them."

But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Hymn 289 | *Ah, Holy Jesus* - HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Mark 15:1-15

Bryan Johnson

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Faithful cross, tree of solitary splendor, never before has forest yielded such a tribute;
in blossom, in fruit, in branches.

Sweet the nails/*dulce ferum*, sweet the wood/*dulce lignum*.

Hear then, where all life commences, commences with the weight of such sweetness.
Its bark bears the sweetest burden.

Mark 15:16-20

Brenda Wilkinson

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Hymn 286 | O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – PASSION CHORALE

John 19:1-16

Rev. Min Lee

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Hymn | Calvary – Spiritual

Choir: Calvary, Calvary, Calvary... Surely He died on Calvary.

All: Calvary, Calvary, Calvary.... Surely He died on Calvary.

Choir: Don't you hear the hammer ringing? Surely he died on Calvary.

All: Calvary, Calvary, Calvary... Surely He died on Calvary

John 19:16-18

Sue French

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Choral Meditation | God So Loved the World – Bob Chilcott

Chamber Chorale

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that who-so believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

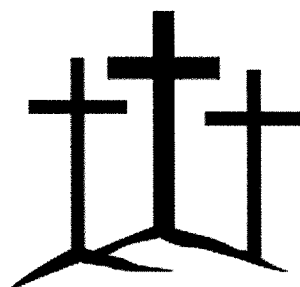
Matthew 27:45-54

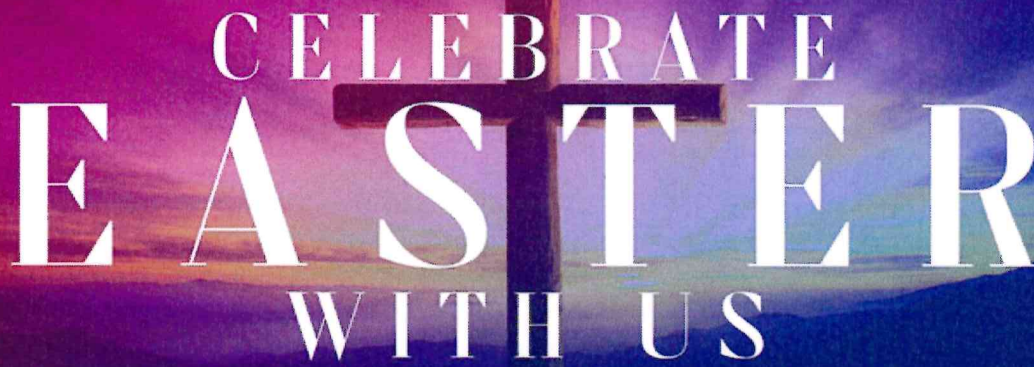
Rev. Terry Tippens

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land[a] until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 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. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Hymn 288 | Were You There V. 1-2, 4-5 – WERE YOU THERE

Depart in Silence





CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

Celebrating Easter at Duluth First UMC: Sunday, April 5th

Sunrise Service with Communion: 7:00 a.m. in front of the Sanctuary (in the Sanctuary in case of rain)

Join us Easter morning at 7:00 a.m. in front of the main entrance to the Sanctuary for our Easter Sunrise Service with Communion. This service includes singing, prayers, devotion, and Holy Communion. The 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be holding our 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship service on Easter morning. Please make plans to join us at the 7:00 Sunrise Service and/or at either of the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship or Traditional Worship services.

Easter Morning Fellowship: 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall

Join us on Easter morning for a time of fellowship from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome! Sweet treats and coffee will be available.

Contemporary Worship Service with Communion: 11:00 a.m. in Hinton Hall

The worship band, technical team, prayer team and pastor will be energized and ready to join with you in the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship service in Hinton Hall, located in the Sheldon Family Life Center, will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Contemporary Worship** page on **Facebook**.

Traditional Worship Service with Communion: 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctaury

At the Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary, the music will be as glorious as the day deserves with the choir lifting praises to God, ending with our annual Easter acclamation, Handel's *Hallelujah!* The 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.

PLEASE NOTE: Childcare, for ages newborn through Pre-Kindergarten, will be available in **Childcare Corner** for all worship services, and during the 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday School hour. Sunday School classes for children and youth will not be held on Easter.

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