

Order of Worship for April 3, 2026 7pm
Good Friday

Liverpool First Presbyterian Church

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Steve Uhl

*Worshippers are asked to gather in a meditative silence
and prepare their hearts using this prayer.*

*Holy and loving God, as we prepare to set aside our busyness and to
focus intently on Jesus' suffering and death, we ask for eyes to see all of
the amazing things that Jesus' death means for understanding you, your
love, and our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*Hymn

"Lead Me to Calvary" (v.1,4)

Hymn 176

Call to Worship

Rev. Garrett Anderson

Today the Good Shepherd lays down his life for flock. Today the
carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross, the King of kings is crowned with
thorns. Today he sets us free, himself imprisoned in the grave. Today is
God's Friday. Let us come and worship.

Prayer of Invocation

**O Christ, you forsook no one, but were forsaken by the closest
of friends. You committed no crime yet were sentenced to a
criminal's death. On this day, centuries ago, you could have
saved your life, but you refused to betray your purpose.
Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross, teach us
its meaning once again and help us to take up our cross and
follow you. Amen.**

The Story of the Crucifixion of Christ Jesus ("Were You There" #181)

Pilate

Richard Lash

Mary

Nikki Hart

Solo

"Death of a Son" by Michael Card

Dr. David Rudari

Soldier

Ray Campbell

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Chief Priest

Bill Newell

"Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?"

Joseph of Arimathea

Fletcher Smith

"Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?"

The Beloved Disciple

Elizabeth Wavle-Brown

Lament

Ben Miles

Our Redeemer suffered death; was buried and rose again for our sake.
With awareness of our deep need for him, let us adore him.

**Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death.
Teach us to obey God's will in all things.**

Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and
death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised, humiliated, and condemned as a
criminal:

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.

Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all with your outstretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your gracious Kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him.

For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and who rose again for us, Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Garrett Anderson

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

May his peace be with you, as well.

Let us exit in silence, waiting in faith, hope and love for the resurrection.

Postlude

Steve Uhl

