



Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 2026, 7:30pm

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GATHERING THOUGHTS ... the Friday called 'Good'

We gather this night to contemplate the mystery of our salvation which includes Jesus going to the Cross to die for us. We gather in prayer. We use the traditional bidding prayer to bring the church, our world, ourselves, and our supplications to foot of the Cross. And then, we listen and we follow our Lord to the Cross as John narrates the Passion. We notice that the lights in the church are diminishing as Jesus grows closer to his death.

The ancient Tenebrae ("darkness") service has many forms but builds on the drama of increasing darkness as one way to reflect on the Passion of Jesus. At the end of the service, only the Christ Candle remains, and a bell is heard – we recall the words of scripture: darkness came over the whole land. We pray and leave in silence, knowing what God has planned for the third day ...



Welcome

Prelude

For God so Loved; Davermann

Chancel Choir

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

P: From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Christ the Life of All the Living*

Hymn # 339

Bidding Prayer - Our Prayer at the Cross

P: Behold the life-giving Cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

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P: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world. *(Silent prayer)*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

A: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism. *(Silent prayer)*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ. *(Silent prayer)*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. *(Silent prayer)*

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. *(Silent prayer)*

A: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. *(Silent prayer)*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for God's creation. *(Silent prayer)*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office. *(Silent prayer)*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for all those in need. *(Silent prayer)*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Hymn # 351

The Passion According to John

As we hear a paraphrase of John’s account of the passion from five readers, candles will be extinguished one by one. See, and feel, the growing darkness. Follow Jesus, and fall at the feet of the cross. We join in awe at God’s love.

Silence and Prayer

We will gather once more on Easter morning for the celebration of the resurrection.

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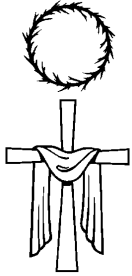
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Easter Sunrise, April 5, 6:30am (OUTDOORS)

- ✦ *Beginning around a great fire*
- ✦ *Transition to Easter – song, flowers, bells*
- ✦ *Easter scripture, message, hymns*
- ✦ *Sharing Holy Communion*

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30am* INDOOR and Livestreamed

- ✦ *Easter scripture, message, hymns*
- ✦ *Sharing Holy Communion*

11:00am INDOOR service

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- ✦ *Sharing Holy Communion*

