

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Jon Brannon

Gathering Rev. Zach Bay

Call to Worship

Today, God makes common cause with our human suffering.

We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, and 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.

*Congregational Hymn No. 316
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
vv. 1 & 3

The First Word Luke 23:26-34
Chris Sizemore

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do..."

The Call to the Solemn Reproaches of the Cross
Rev. Zach Bay

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.

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

I spoke to you my word, the promise of my love for all; but you silence my prophets, refusing to hear my voice; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

One Bell Tolls

The Second Word Luke 23:35-43
Debby Drum

"Today, Thou shalt be with me in paradise."

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

I gave you the keys to my realm and welcomed you inside; but you turn away strangers, closing the doors that I open; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Two Bells Toll

Organ Instrumental Jon Brannon

The Third Word John 19:23-27
Donna Myers

"Woman, behold thy son!"

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

I claimed you as a family, as branches of my vine; but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I have offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion; but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Three Bells Toll

The Fourth Word Matthew 27:45-49
Mary Lou Williams

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

My people, my people, why have you forsaken me? Answer me! I delivered you from captivity through the water of baptism; but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Four Bells Toll

Special Music "O Sorrow Deep"
Rachelle Snyder, Neeley Jarrell, Rev. Kristy Bay

The Fifth Word John 19:28-29
Nora Gibson

"...I am thirsty."

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven; but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Five Bells Toll

The Sixth Word

John 19:30
Bill Myers

“It is Finished.”

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Six Bells Toll

Special Music

“Mary Did You Know?”

Good Friday Adaptation written by Rev. Kristy Bay

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The Seventh Word

Luke 23:44-49
John Hayes

“Into thy hands, I commend my spirit”

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Seven Bells Toll

Organ Instrumental

Jon Brannon

Homily

Rev. Zach Bay

*Congregational Hymn

No. 315
“Were You There”
vv. 1-3

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

Holy Christ, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

Holy Spirit, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

The Assurance of Forgiveness at the Cross

Take heart, for our Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God, understands our human experience, felt the depth of our pain, and sympathizes with our weakness. He deals gently with us and is the source of our salvation.

Good Friday Prayer

We stand near the cross, O God—disturbed, distraught, discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. In the face of such suffering, show us the face of our Savior. In the shadow of such evil, show us the light of your grace. On this day of great solemnity, let

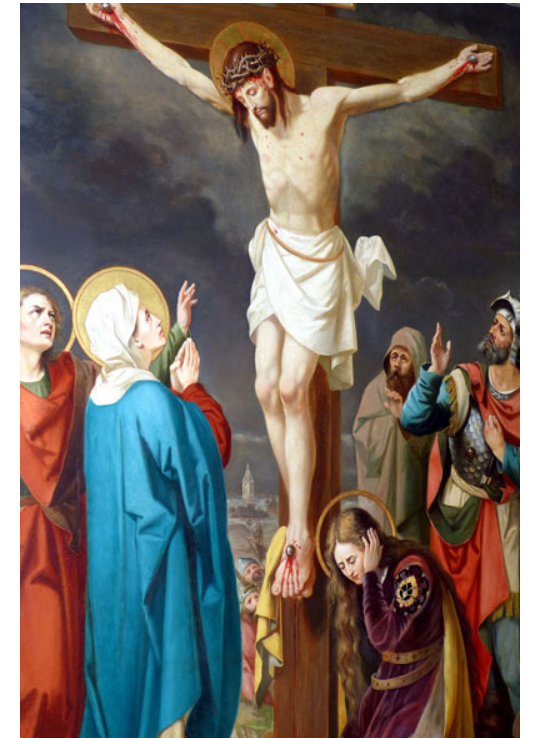
us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seven Bells Echo

Please depart in reverent silence



April 3, 2026
7:00 pm
Good Friday



*The Seven Last Words of
Jesus from the Cross*