

WORSHIP SERVICE
GOOD FRIDAY
April 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: John 10:11, 14

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

* Opening Song: "Turn Your Eyes"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside, here justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus to You we lift our eyes Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heaven Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout

All glory to Jesus alone!

Jesus to You we lift our eyes Jesus our glory and our prize

We adore You behold You our Savior ever true

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

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*Opening Prayer

*Song: "I Stand Amazed"

Lift Up Your Hearts #174

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;

How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them his very own;

He bore the burden to Calvary And suffered and died alone.

[Refrain]

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,

'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of his love for me.

[Refrain]

WE CONTEMPLATE THE COST OF OUR REDEMPTION

Scripture Reading from Isaiah 53

Song: "Depth of Mercy"

Lift Up Your Hearts #702

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?

God, the just, his wrath forbears, me the chief of sinners spares.

So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways.

Making clear my desperate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.

Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.

There, for me, the Savior stands, holding forth his wounded hands,

Scars which ever cry for me, once condemned but now set free.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 19:16-30

¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews". ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

"They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Message: It Is Finished

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Man of Sorrows—What a Name" *Lift Up Your Hearts #170*

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, helpless, lost were we; blameless Lamb of God was he,
sacrificed to set us free: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

He was lifted up to die; "It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Scriptural Teaching Regarding the Lord's Supper
Celebration of Holy Communion

As the bread is passed: "Behold the Lamb" *Lift Up Your Hearts #840*

Behold the lamb, who bears our sins away, slain for us –
and we remember the promise made that all who
come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his
sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you –
eat and remember the wounds that heal; the death that
brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his
sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you –
drink and remember he drained death's cup, that all may
enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of his

sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond –
and to remember our call to follow in the
steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we
share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will
come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the king

(Piano plays as the cup is passed)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Lord, Make Us Servants" vs 1,2,5 *Lift Up Your Hearts #904*

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace to wake at last in heaven's light.

Postlude

*Please stand

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Matt Haken, Elizabeth Hobson, Laura Hufford