

GOOD FRIDAY

let us remember





FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
April 18, 2025

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Light, in whom there is no darkness at all, we come not to mourn you, but to worship you. We come not in despair, but in awe at your love. You know the depths of our human sorrow, pain, and darkness because you chose to experience them. We know the depths of your love for us because you chose to die for us even though we sin and choose darkness over and over again. Keep us aware of your presence even in the darkness. Speak to us once more your message of light that will not be extinguished. Help us deeply understand the meaning in this terrible and wonderful story, and keep the fire of defiant hope alive in our hearts. Amen.

PRELUDE “Andante Sostenuto”

Schubert

*CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

What are we to do or say in response to our Lord declaring, “It is finished”?

The air is heavy. Our hearts are heavy. The suffering of this world feels particularly close, spilling out all over us.

The crucifixion reveals the worst in humanity –

Violence inflicted on the innocent, shame poured out in excess, mockery for the sake of mockery, and abandonment of those we love.

Jesus shows us the best in humanity –

Grace where grace is undeserved, humility in the face of power, justice in the face of oppression, love that overcomes.

May our hearts be open to hear this story and may God give us the courage to let it change us.

We choose grace. We choose love. We choose community. We choose to remember. Let it be so.

*HYMN No. 215 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Verses 1&2

We believe that Christ crucified is the power of God

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

On this Good Friday, we contemplate the good news of the cross: how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering and sin; how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us.

I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of the sea. Forty years I was present with you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way.

I gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have made a cross for your Savior. O my people, my church, what more could I have done for you?

Holy God, have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert by a pillar of cloud and fire. I poured our saving water from the rock.

I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have made a cross for your Savior. O my people, my church, what more could I have done for you?

Holy God, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns.

I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name.

I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you lifted me high on the cross. O my people, my church, what more could I have done for you?

Holy God, have mercy upon us.

I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have made a cross for your Savior. O my people, my church, what more could I have done for you?

ANTHEM

“Out of the Depths”

Frost

Out of the depths have I cried unto you. Lord, hear my voice.

Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry;

Lord, hear my cry for mercy.

If you, O Lord kept a record of sin, who, then, could stand?

But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore, you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope.

If you, O Lord kept a record of sin, who, then, could stand?

But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore, we will not fear.

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope.

(Psalm 130)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 22:1-6

The Plot to Kill Jesus
The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND READING

Luke 22:7-23

Passover and the Lord's Supper
The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN NO. 206 "This Is the Night"

Verse 1

THIRD READING

Luke 22:24-30

Who Is the Greatest
The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH READING

Luke 22:31-38

Peter's Denial Foretold
The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN NO. 218 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Verses 1 & 2

Choir sings:

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate
pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!*

Congregation joins:

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my
treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was
denied thee; I crucified thee.**

FIFTH READING

Luke 22:39-46

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives
The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH READING

Luke 22:47-53

Jesus Is Arrested
The sixth candle is extinguished.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH†

based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

**We believe in the God of Good Friday,
who sent us Jesus of Nazareth
to be wounded for our transgressions
and bruised for our iniquities.**

**While some seek more knowledge,
and others look for signs and omens,
we place our trust in Christ crucified.**

**We believe that those who hoard their life will lose it,
yet those who lose life for Christ's sake will find it.**

**and the saving wisdom of God.
We believe this foolishness of God is wiser than earthly
knowledge,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human arrogance.
This we dare to believe because we have seen the glory of
God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

SEVENTH READING Luke 22:54-62

Peter Denies Jesus
The seventh candle is extinguished.

EIGHTH READING Luke 22:63-65

The Guards Mock Jesus
The eighth candle is extinguished.

*HYMN No. 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown” Verses 2 & 3

NINTH READING Luke 22:66-23:1

Jesus Before the Council
The ninth candle is extinguished.

TENTH READING Luke 23:2-12

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod
The tenth candle is extinguished.

ELEVENTH READING Luke 23:13-25

Pilate Condemns Jesus to Be Crucified
The eleventh candle is extinguished.

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TWELFTH READING Luke 23:26-34

The Crucifixion of Jesus
The twelfth candle is extinguished.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM “Pie Jesu” Leavitt

THIRTEENTH READING Luke 23:35-49

The Death of Jesus
The thirteenth candle is extinguished.

FOURTEENTH READING

Luke 23:50-56

The Burial of Jesus
The fourteenth candle is extinguished.

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Please exit in silence.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director
Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Liturgist
Susan Bryant, Becky Hutchins, Lizzie Luter,
Mo Smithers, and Ashleigh Williams, Readers
Mike and Sharaze Colley, Ushers

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