

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
A Service for Good Friday

APRIL 3, 2026

(Including silence for reflection and Scripture notations in the liturgy)

Introit 7pm

Lynn Rognsvoog

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Now Comes the Gentiles' Saviour)

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS *stand*

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
(repeat three times)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: We pray, Lord Jesus, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. We thank and praise you for loving us.

Congregation: Amen

OPENING HYMN *hymnal #349* 7pm

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed that mor - tal
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave has
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion, your mor - tal



judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, has un - done you. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son has suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion; your death of an - guish



by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

I

Leader: Jesus receives the sentence of death.

Lector: The entire assembly rose up and led Jesus before Pilate. They started his prosecution by saying, "We found this man subverting our nation and calling himself the Messiah, a king." They demanded with loud cries that he be crucified and their shouts increased in violence. Pilate then decreed that what they demanded should be done.

Luke 28:1-2, 24-28

Leader: God so loved the world,

Congregation: That God gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

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II

Leader: Jesus accepts the cross.

Lector: The procurator's soldiers stripped off Jesus' clothes and wrapped him in a scarlet military cloak. Then they began to mock him. They also spat at him. Finally, when they had finished making a fool of him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes and led him off to crucifixion.

Matthew 27:27-31

Leader: It was our infirmities that he bore,

Congregation: Our sufferings that he endured. *Isaiah 53:4*

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

III

Leader: Jesus falls the first time.

Lector: He was pierced for our offense, crushed for our sins, upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we are healed. The Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth.

Isaiah 53:4-7

Leader: God, in Christ, was reconciling the world to himself,

Congregation: And he has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.

II Corinthians 5:19

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

IV

Leader: Simon helps Jesus carry the cross.

Lector: As the chief priests, the ruling class and the people led Jesus away, they laid hold of one Simon the Cyrenean who was coming in from the fields. They pressed him into service to carry the cross. A great crowd of people followed him.

Luke 28:13, 25-27

Leader: If anyone would serve me, follow me,

Congregation: Where I am, there will my servant be. John 12:26

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross, you have redeemed the world.

V

Leader: Jesus falls again under the cross.

Lector: Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I who have made you a fortified city against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you, but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:17-19

Leader: It was thus that he humbled himself,

Congregation: Obediently accepting even death. Philipians 2:8

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

VI

Leader: Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem.

Lector: A great crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who beat their breasts and lamented over him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children."

Luke 28:27-28

Leader: A new commandment I give you,

Congregation: Love one another. John 13:34

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

VII

Leader: Jesus falls a third time.

Lector: Jesus said, "The one who loves their life loses it, while the one who hates their life in this world preserves it to life eternal. If anyone would serve me, follow me. Where I am, there will my servant be. If anyone serves me, they honor my Father."
John 12:25-26

Leader: Whoever wishes to come after me,

Congregation: Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

VIII

Leader: Soldiers remove Jesus' robe.

Lector: When the crowd brought Jesus to the site of Golgotha, which means "Skull Place," they tried to give him wine drugged with myrrh, but he would not take it. Then they divided up his garments by rolling dice for them to see what each should take.
Mark 15:22-24

Leader: Though he was harshly treated,

Congregation: He submitted and opened not his mouth. Isaiah 53:7

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

IX

Leader: From the cross, Jesus cares for his mother.

Lector: Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19:25-27

Leader: You will weep and mourn while the world rejoices,

Congregation: But your grief will be turned into joy. John 16:20

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

X

Leader: Soldiers crucify Jesus.

Lector: The crowd crucified Jesus and the criminals as well, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." *Luke 23:33-34*

Leader: God has loved us,

Congregation: And has sent his Son as an offering for our sin. I John 4:10

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

XI

Leader: Jesus dies on the cross.

Lector: When noon came, darkness fell on the whole countryside and lasted until midafternoon. At that time Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then, uttering a loud cry, he breathed his last. *Mark 15:23-37*

Leader: Now is the acceptable time,

Congregation: Now is the day of salvation. II Corinthians 6:2

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

XII

Leader: Jesus' mother and friends lower his body from the cross.

Lector: There was a man named Joseph, an upright and holy member of the Sanhedrin, who had not been associated with this plan or action. He was from Arimathea and he looked expectantly for the reign of God. This man approached Pilate with a request for Jesus' body. He took it down and wrapped it in fine linen.

Luke 23:50-53

Leader: Come, all you who pass by the way,

Congregation: Look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering.

Lamentations 1:12

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

XIII

Leader: Jesus' mother and friends lay his body in the tomb.

Lector: Taking Jesus's body, Joseph wrapped it in fresh linen and laid it in his new tomb which had been hewn from a formation of rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. *Matthew 27:59-60*

Leader: With your blood you purchased for God,

Congregation: People of every race, tongue, tribe and nation. Revelation 5:9

We pause to reflect in silence.

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Congregation: Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN 7pm (*stand*)

Gathered at the Foot of Calvary Alexander M. Jacobs

Gathered at the foot of Calvary
Stands the wounded human race.
Filled with anguish, filled with violence,
We ignore the Savior's face.
Pilate washes hands so bloody,
Peter turns away in shame,
Mary, weeping, sees her first born son
Slowly die on Golgotha.

Gathered here in dark Jerusalem
As the clouds blot out the sun.
All the earth cries out in agony,
All the sky's a requiem.
Men lament their guilt and falsehood,
Women wail their grief away;
Old men cease their dreams of justice,
Young girls prophecy no more.

Gathered grimly in the Upper Room,
Doors and windows, locked and barred,
Gone the Spirit, gone the certainty,
All our dreams are crushed and scarred.
Are we hopeless, are we helpless,
Will there be another day?
Fill our emptiness with confidence!
Fill our broken hearts with grace!

to the tune LBW #423 "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"

THE PEACE *stand*

Pastor: The peace of the crucified Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

The congregation exchanges the peace of Christ; an offering is received.

OFFERING FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM 7pm

Deep River Mark Hayes

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

Gabe Figueroa, Director of Communications

Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh! some-times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
there when they nailed him to the tree?
there when they pierced him in the side?
there when the sun re - fused to shine?
there when they laid him in the tomb?

BENEDICTION *stand*

Pastor: Dying, Jesus destroyed our death. Rising, Jesus restored our life.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, come in glory. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us pray.

**Congregation: 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.**

THE CLOSING OF THE TOMB / THE STREPITUS

Pastor: It is finished!

Depart in Silence

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LECTOR Rev. Wyn Bryant

USHER (noon) Melissa Horning

USHER (7pm) John Woods

Easter Sunday, April 5

9am Traditional Worship

10am Easter egg hunt & carnival

11:11am Contemporary Worship