



## Good Friday Worship April 2, 2021



The passion according to St. John is appointed for Good Friday. John's passion account sees Jesus' death as his glorification. Rather than "mourning" the dying or dead Jesus on Good Friday, the cross is acclaimed as the sign of the world's redemption. We honor the one who, lifted up from the earth, draws all people to himself. This service does not end in darkness and sadness, as if we were reenacting the death of Christ. Rather, the liturgy reminds us that the love of God in Jesus Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. This light and love shines for each and for all of us, for all of God's creation. From the candle-lit glow of the cross we carry Christ's light within us, out into the darkness of a world longing for light and life. A light and life that has come on behalf of us all, thanks be to God!

### Silence

### Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Gospel:** John 18:1-11

**Hymn:** *ELW 348 - Stay With Me (Sing 3 times)*

**Gospel:** John 18:12-27

**Hymn:** *ELW 351 - O Sacred Head Now Wounded (verse 1)*

**Gospel:** John 18:28-40

**Hymn:** *ELW 351 - O Sacred Head Now Wounded (verse 2)*

**Gospel:** John 19:1-7

**Hymn:** *ELW 349 - Ah, Holy Jesus (verse 1)*

**Gospel:** John 19:8-16a

**Hymn:** *ELW 349 - Ah, Holy Jesus (verse 2)*

**Gospel:** John 19:16b-22

**Musical Interlude:** *Ubi Caritas (ELW 642)*

**Gospel:** John 19:23-30

**Hymn:** *ELW 353 - Were You There (verses 1 & 2)*

**Gospel:** John 19:31-42

### Silence

## Invitation to the Cross

Jesus, in his suffering and death, reveals the very heart of God, a heart of pure unspeakable love. A heart that risks everything for the sake of love, a heart open to the suffering of others, and broken by the cruelty of others, a heart alive with love that death could not hold.

Come to the cross, to the heart of God. Bring your own heart as it is – hardened or cold, broken or empty, fearful or unfaithful, for God welcomes it and breathes into it the Spirit of Christ’s love.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. Come, let us worship him.

**Brief contemplation time**                      Jesus, Remember Me (3x)      ELW 616

## Prayer

Compassionate God, in Christ’s gentle and suffering love you have shown us the way to abundant life. Keep us joined to Christ’s life-giving passion, that our hearts may know the joy and freedom for which you have created us, now and forever. **Amen**

## Dismissal

Let us depart in Peace

## Worship Participants

Ministers	Readers	Musicians
Pastor Meredith McGrath Pastor Lamont Koerner	Cobain and Secelia Johnson	Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss Hymn Leaders: Janet Beckman, Pam Sherwood-Gabrielson

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]