



PRELUDE

“Day of Sorrow!”

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GATHERING WORDS (*Pastor Melinda*)

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All: Let us worship God together, as we remember the meaning of Jesus’ death, and embrace the new life to come.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us Pray!

All: O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”

#195

GOOD FRIDAY READINGS

Reader: “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” (Revelation 22:1-2)

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Isaiah 52:13-53:3

Silence

Isaiah 53:4-6

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Isaiah 53:7-9

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Isaiah 53:10-12

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Psalm 22

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Ab, Holy Jesus”

Moats

MEDITATION

“From Distress to Praise”

Pastor Melinda

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (Vs. 1-2)

#226

One: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

All: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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Silence

Pastor: Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

Leave in Silence

➤ **LITURGIST:** Sally Curren

➤ **READERS:** Thank You to all of our readers

➤ **USHERS** Keith Krout

➤ **GREETERS:** Members of Consistory

➤ **Please,** read the Gospel Reading for Good Friday at home: John 18:1-19:42. Thank you!

Special Offering

Beginning February 22, 2026, the first Sunday in Lent, the Sunday School will begin collecting money for Heifer International for our Lenten Project. This collection will continue thru Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. Your support to this great cause is greatly appreciated!



This year’s **special Easter offering** collected will go to the **Bell Family Shelter.**

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