

Cross is front and center surrounded by 7 lit candles; lights in sanctuary dimmed

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION

Worship begins in silence with a time for prayer and meditation; pastor and students seated in front pew lectern side

INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *Pr. Sarah*

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Silence

Let us pray,

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN Holy God, Holy and Glorious 637

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| <p>1 Holy God, holy and glorious,
glory most sublime,
you come as one among us
into human time,
and we behold your glory.</p> <p>2 Holy God, holy and powerful,
power without peer,
you bend to us in weakness;
emptied you draw near,
and we behold your power.</p> <p>3 Holy God, holy and beautiful,
beauty unsurpassed,
you are despised, rejected;</p> | <p>scorned, you hold us fast,
and we behold your beauty.</p> <p>4 Holy God, holy and only wise,
wisdom of great price,
you choose the way of folly:
God the crucified,
and we behold your wisdom.</p> <p>5 Holy God, holy and living one,
life that never ends,
you show your love by dying,
dying for your friends,
and we behold you living.</p> |
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READING *Kyah*

The Passion According to St. Matthew #1

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

³⁰ [Having shared supper with his disciple and after] they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” “But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” ³³ Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated.³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want."⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Kyah extinguishes first candle

RESPONSE Go to Dark Gethsemane 347:1

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
 all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
 your Redeemer's conflict see.
 Watch with him one bitter hour;
 turn not from his griefs away;
 learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

The Passion According to St. Matthew #2 *Madi*

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.⁵¹ Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword.⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?"⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Madi extinguishes second candle

RESPONSE Ah, Holy Jesus 349:1

1 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.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

The Passion According to St. Matthew #3 *Lily*

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" ⁶² The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spat in his face and struck him, and some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Lily extinguishes third candle

RESPONSE **Go to Dark Gethsemane 347:2**

2 Follow to the judgment hall,
 view the Lord of life arraigned;
 oh, the wormwood and the gall!
 Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
 Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
 learn from him to bear the cross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

The Passion According to St. Matthew #4 *Kate*

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰ But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." ⁷¹ When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." ⁷² Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Kate extinguishes fourth candle

RESPONSE **Ah, Holy Jesus 349:2**

2 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.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

The Passion According to St. Matthew #5 *Maddie*

¹ When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. ¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Maddie extinguishes fifth candle

RESPONSE **Were You There** **353:1**

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Passion According to St. Matthew #6 *Luca*

³³ As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Luca extinguishes sixth candle

RESPONSE **Were You There 353:2**

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

The Passion According to St. Matthew #7 *Sara*

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁵⁵ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰ and laid it in his

new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

Sara extinguishes seventh candle

RESPONSE Were You There 353:4-5

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 803

<p>1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.</p>	<p>3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p>
<p>2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.</p>	<p>4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.</p>

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

OFFERING Jesus Died Upon the Tree – OSL Choir

OFFERTORY Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless 357:1, 3

<p>1 Lamb of God, pure and sinless, once on the cross an offering, patient, lowly, guiltless, forsaken in your suffering: from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.</p>	<p>Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.</p> <p>3 Lamb of God, pure and sinless, once on the cross an offering, patient, lowly, guiltless, forsaken in your suffering:</p>
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from sin's grasp you have torn us,
from gloom to hope have borne us.

Your peace be with us, O Jesus. Amen.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485-1550; tr. composite
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BIDDING PRAYERS

The bidding prayers have been a part of Christian worship on Good Friday for centuries. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Each prayer begins with an invitation to pray for a specific group of people or a specific need followed by silence for individual prayer. The leader will offer a concluding prayer before we sing the prayer response. We then moving on to the next petition or bid.

Kyah: Let us pray for the holy church throughout the world.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.
By your Holy Spirit guide the church
and gather it throughout the world.
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer **ELW 751**

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Madi: Let us pray for bishops, pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
Your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.
Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers and lay leaders.
Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,
And help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work you have called us to do.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer **ELW 751**

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:

come and listen to me.

Lily: Let us pray for our siblings who share our faith in Jesus Christ.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.
Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.
Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Kate: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.
Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own
may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Maddie: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace
all those who call out to you under different names.
Bring an end to inter-religious strife,
and make us more faithful witnesses
of the love made known to us in your Son.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Luca: Let us pray for God's creation.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
You are the creator of a magnificent universe.
Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer **ELW 751**

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Sara: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,
and a share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer **ELW 751**

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Pr. Sarah: Let us pray for those in need.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,

and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear my Prayer ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer,
 O Lord, hear my prayer:
 when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
 come and listen to me.

Pr. Sarah: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

ADORATION OF THE CROSS Jesus Remember Me 616

Pr. Sarah: Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
You are invited at this time to reflect on the mystery of our faith, Christ has died so that we may live.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

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For the bulletin:

For the close of our service, you are invited forward to spend a moment in reflection and devotion at the cross. You may bow, kneel, or simply stand. You may remain as long as you wish. We depart from the cross and our worship in silence.

We gather again in-person on Sunday morning at 7am, 9am, and 11am for Easter Morning Worship; via Livestream and through Listen to Church at 9am.

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

6:30pm Service

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

6:30pm Service