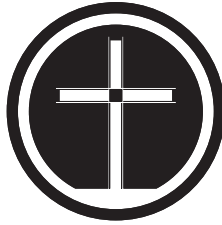


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 3, 2026

Good Friday



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### Prelude

*What Wondrous Love is This?* by Mark Hayes, arr. by Marvin Gaspard

### Call to Worship

John 1:29

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

### A Moment of Personal Silent Reflection

### Call to Confession and Prayer

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Let us confess our sins together.

**All:** Almighty and Holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of your gift of salvation. I have not loved you as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as you, for Christ's sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts you have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:1-2

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of  
Adoration**  
O Mighty Cross

O mighty cross Love lifted high  
The Lord of life raised there to die  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross  
A tree of life to me

O mighty cross what throne of grace  
He knew no sin yet took my place  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross  
A tree of life to me

O mighty cross O Christ so pure  
Love held him there such shame endured  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross  
A tree of life to me

O mighty cross my soul's release  
The stripes he bore have brought me peace  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross  
A tree of life to me

*Words & Music: David Baroni, John Chisum*

**The First  
Narrative**

Jesus prays in Gethsemane before his betrayal and arrest.  
*Matthew 26:36-58*

**Hymn**  
O Sacred Head  
Now Wounded

O sacred Head now wounded  
With grief and shame weighed down  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns thine only crown  
How pale thou art with anguish  
With sore abuse and scorn  
How does that visage languish  
Which once was bright as morn

What thou my Lord hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain  
Mine mine was the transgression  
But thine the deadly pain  
Lo here I fall my Savior  
'Tis I deserve thy place  
Look on me with thy favor  
Assist me with thy grace

What language shall I borrow  
To thank thee dearest Friend  
For this thy dying sorrow  
Thy pity without end  
O make me thine forever  
And should I fainting be  
Lord let me never never  
Outlive my love to thee

*Words: Arnulf of Leuven, Ca. 1250, adapt. Paul Gerhardt, 1656*  
*Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. J.S. Bach, 1727*

## The Second Narrative

Jesus is on trial before the Jews.  
*John 18:12–14, Matthew 26:59–68*

**Leader:** So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

**People:** **Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”**

**Leader:** And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But Jesus remained silent.

**People:** **And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”**

**Leader:** 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.”

**People:** **Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”**

**Leader:** Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

**Hymn**

Alas! And Did  
My Savior Bleed?

Alas and did my Savior bleed  
And did my Sov'reign die  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree  
Amazing pity grace unknown  
And love beyond degree

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When Christ the mighty Maker died  
For man the creature's sin

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While his dear cross appears  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness  
And melt mine eyes in tears

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe  
Here Lord I give myself away  
'Tis all that I can do

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1707*  
*Music: Hugh Willson, 1825*

**The Third  
Narrative**

Peter denies Jesus three times before the rooster crows.  
*John 18:15-27*

**Hymn**

What Wondrous  
Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this  
O my soul O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul

When I was sinking down  
Sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside his crown  
For my soul for my soul  
Christ laid aside  
His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I AM  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing I will sing  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing

And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And when from death  
I'm free I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

*Words: Dupuy's Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811*  
*Music: Southerm Harmony, 2nd ed, 1840*

## **The Fourth Narrative**

Jesus is delivered to Pilate, and Pilate delivers Jesus to be crucified.  
*Matthew 27:1-24*

## **Hymn** How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from his reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

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*Words & Music: Stuart Townend, 1995*

## **The Fifth Narrative**

Jesus is mocked and crucified.  
*Mark 15:16-32*

**Leader:** And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

**People:** And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull).

**Leader:** And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

**People:** And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

**Leader:** So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

**All:** Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

## Hymn

Behold the Lamb

*Chorus*  
*Behold the Lamb behold the Lamb*  
*Slain from the foundation of the world*  
*For sinners crucified O holy sacrifice*  
*Behold the Lamb of God*  
*Behold the Lamb*

Crown him crown him  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Praise him praise him  
Heav'n and earth resound

*Chorus*  
*Words & Music: Dottie Rambo, 1979*

## The Sixth Narrative

Jesus' seven last words spoken from the cross.  
*Luke 23:32-43, John 19:23-27, Matthew 27:45-56,*  
*John 19:28-30, Luke 23:46-49*

**Hymn**  
Beneath the  
Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land  
A home within the wilderness  
A rest upon the way  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus  
Mine eyes at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me  
And from my smitten heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess  
The wonder of his glorious love  
And my unworthiness

*Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872*  
*Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1881*

**Sermon**

**“All Was Now Finished”**  
*John 19:28-30*  
Rev. Richard Harris

**The Seventh  
Narrative**

Jesus' side is pierced, and he is buried.  
*John 19:31-42*

**Hymn of  
Reflection**  
When I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross

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

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

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

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

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, rev.1709*

*Music: Gregorian chant; arr. Lowell Mason, 1824*

## **Benediction**

Prior to the beginning of the Sabbath, Jesus was removed from the cross and laid in a new tomb by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. The tomb was sealed, and a Roman guard was placed before it. While Christ rested in the grave on the Sabbath, the Resurrection victory was coming.

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## Announcements

- Easter Worship** Please join us Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection together!  
Easter Sunday, April 5  
7:00 am Sunrise Service (Chapel)  
9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services (Sanctuary)  
Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.
- Missions Weekend April 24-26** Join us for Missions Weekend Friday evening, April 24, through Sunday morning, April 26. We will share food, fellowship, service, messages from our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Ben Kappers, and more! Register for Friday evening or the Saturday morning service project for students, parents, and young adults online at [cpchouston.org/missions2026](http://cpchouston.org/missions2026).
- Family Ministry Crawfish Boil May 3** Families, you are invited to CPC's Family Ministry Crawfish Boil on Sunday, May 3, 12:30-2 pm! Enjoy crawfish, sides, and fellowship with friends at the home of Richard and Alicia Harris. Students and children are invited to stay at CPC for a lunch and fun! RSVP online at [cpchouston.org/crawfish](http://cpchouston.org/crawfish).
- Vacation Bible School June 9-12** Mark your calendar for VBS June 9-12, 9 am to 12 pm! We invite rising kindergarteners through fifth graders to join us for an exciting week filled with Bible lessons, games, crafts, and fellowship with old and new friends! Register campers and volunteers online at [cpchouston.org/VBS](http://cpchouston.org/VBS).
- JOY Group (Just Older Youth)** Calling all 55+ members! Save the date for our JOY (Just Older Youth) group day trip to Schulenburg on April 21 to see the painted churches. Details and registration to follow. If you would like to help us get organized, please contact Cindy Meeh.
- Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat July 23-26** We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 23-26! Please join us for refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Register online through Sunday, June 7, at [cpchouston.org/mo-ranch](http://cpchouston.org/mo-ranch).
- Men's Bible Study** Men, join us for the Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 am in the Chapel. Breakfast tacos will be served, and ministry staff along with seminarians will teach through the Psalms. Sign up: [cpchouston.org/men](http://cpchouston.org/men)
- Join a City Group** City Groups at Christ Presbyterian Church provide a great way for people to enjoy fellowship, build strong friendships, and encourage one another through prayer and Bible study. Learn more and join a City Group at [cpchouston.org/city-groups](http://cpchouston.org/city-groups).
- Give Online** To give online, please visit [cpchouston.org/give](http://cpchouston.org/give). "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 ESV

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