

# *Good Friday Service*

## *April 3, 2026*

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in ***bold italic print***

† Congregation Standing (*as you are able*)

Prelude

Announcements and Instructions

† Greeting

Pastor Bart

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

***Jesus Christ is the light of the world.***

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

***and we loved darkness rather than light.***

† Hymn #291 (UMH)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Confession

*Jesus Lament Over the Church*

Pastor Bart

O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

***Holy God have mercy upon us.***

† Hymn #504 (UMH)

“The Old Rugged Cross”

READING THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

† Hymn #288 (UMH)

“Were You There?”

SENDING FORTH

Dismissal

Pastor Bart

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen.

***All depart in silence***

*If you have a Good Friday offering, please put it in our offering plates at the Chancel rail or use our Givelify app; thank you for your generous contributions and giving.*