

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 15, 2022

7:00 PM



On this Good Friday, we grieve the violence of humanity. In John's account of Jesus' death, Jesus' final words are: "I am thirsty. . . it is finished" (John 19:28, 30). He is offered a jar full of sour wine as he takes his final breaths. And yet, even here, God's love is full, poured out, self-emptied. Even in his last moments, Jesus is overflowing with truth and the fullness of the human experience. God embodies the fullness of pain and deep sorrow. And so, in the silence of this day, let us, too, sit in the fullness of this cup of sorrow.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry**

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**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Today's Worship

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") was the name given to the medieval pre-dawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. In recent centuries, this monastic liturgy – despite its early morning light imagery – was transferred to Wednesday evening in Holy Week. In the monastic practice, this was a service of prayers and reading from scripture. As the light began to dawn, the candles used for reading were gradually extinguished, so that at the end of the service, the rising sun provided the necessary light for reading and singing. This element has been retained in the contemporary practice but with the curious addition of the removal and return of a single candle, variously interpreted as the presence of the risen Christ.

In the service printed here, these elements have been placed within the reading of the Passion according to John. With this form, seven or fourteen candles are used, with a larger candle representing Christ. Following each section, one or two candles are extinguished until the eighth reading, at which time the "Christ" candle (not the paschal/Easter candle) is removed. The "Christ" candle is returned at the very end of the service after the "Adoration of the Cross."

The Three Days (Triduum), which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday when many churches observe an Easter Vigil, celebrate the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising. We do not wait until Easter Sunday to see what will happen, as if we were participating in a Passion play. Already on Good Friday, the church celebrates the Lord's death and resurrection as the central event of our salvation.

Introduction

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today’s liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

Silent Procession

Invocation

Prayer of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Pastor Scott Staub

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested

John 18:1-11

Faye Weidner

The first candle is extinguished.

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

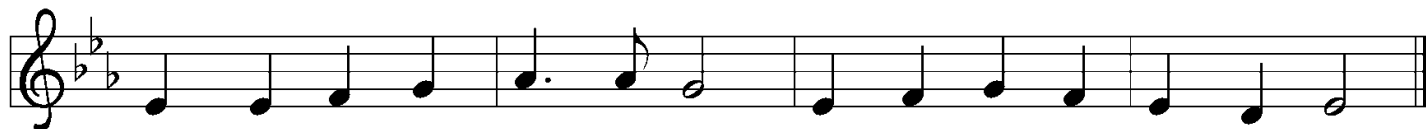
ELW #347



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854. Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901. Text and music are in public domain.

Please be seated.

The Second Reading

Questioning, Mockery, Denial

John 18:12-27

Faye Weidner

The second candle is extinguished.



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*"Ah, Holy Jesus" Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662. Text and music are in public domain.*

The Third Reading

John 18:28-40

Tried by Pilate
 Faye Weidner

The third candle is extinguished.

Please rise as you are able.

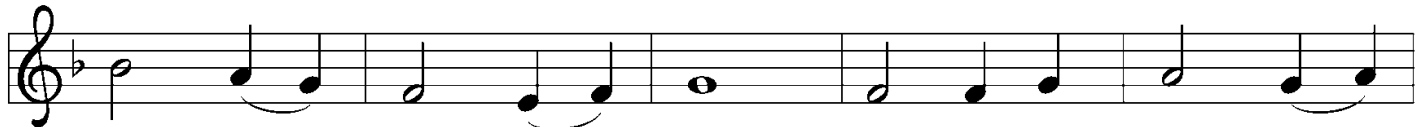
Hymn

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

ELW #803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872. Text and music are in public domain.

Please be seated.

The Fourth Reading

John 19:1-7

Sentenced to Die
Pastor Scott Staub

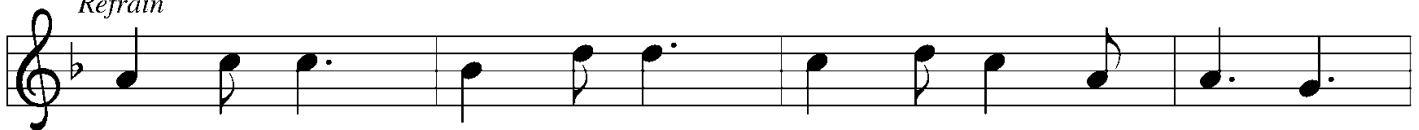
The fourth candle is extinguished.



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915. Text and music are in public domain.

The Fifth Reading

John 19:8-16a

Pilate's Dilemma
Pastor Scott Staub*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

Choir Anthem

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*Chancel Choir
Nancy Mest, Flute

Please take this time to remain in silence and reflect on what Jesus' sacrifice means to you.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

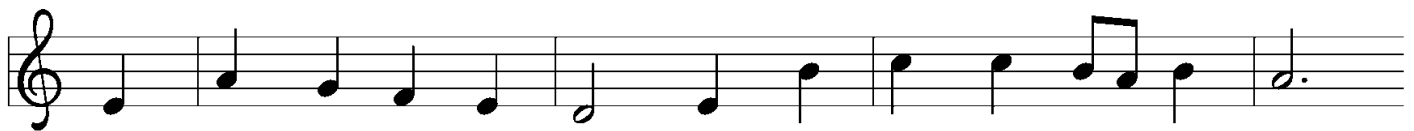
Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW #351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;




Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. Composite. Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612. Text and music are in public domain.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Hymn


O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done



1. O Love di - vine, what hast thou done! The im - mor - tal
 2. Is cru - ci - fied for me and you, to bring us
 3. Be - hold him, all ye that pass by, the bleed - ing



God hath died for me! The Fa - ther's co - e - ter - nal
 reb - els back to God. Be - lieve, be - lieve the rec - ord
 Prince of life and peace! Come, sin - ners, see your Sav - ior



Son bore all my sins up - on the tree. Th'im - mor - tal
 true, ye all are bought with Je - sus' blood. Par - don for
 die, and say, "Was ev - er grief like his?" Come, feel with



God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is cru - ci - fied!
 all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is cru - ci - fied!
 me his blood ap - plied: My Lord, my Love, is cru - ci - fied!

"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done" Text: Charles Wesley, 1742. Music: SELENA, Isaac B. Woodbury, 1850. Text and music are in public domain.

Please rise as you are able.

The large "Christ" candle is removed. The bell is tolled.

Hymn

Were You There

ELW #353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Ninth Reading

John 19:31-42

The Burial
Marsha Staub

The Christ candle returns.

Please rise as you are able.

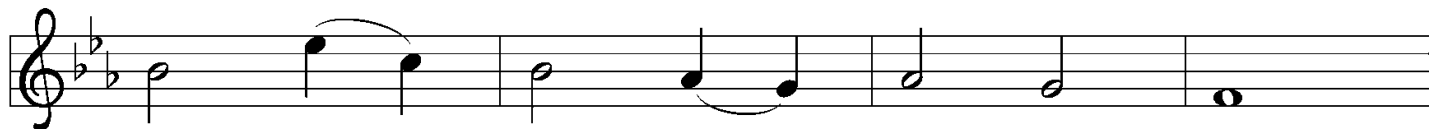
Hymn

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838



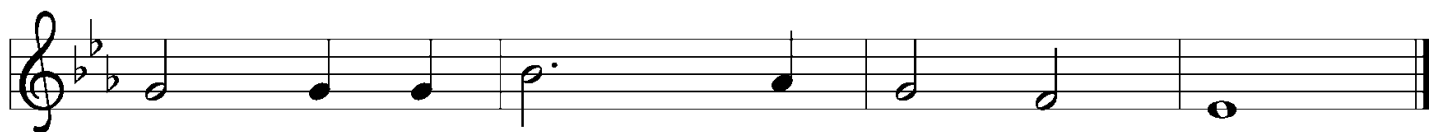
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

“Beautiful Savior” Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904. Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent. Text and music are in public domain.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The congregation departs in silence, awaiting in faithful expectation the light and glory of Easter morning.

Because of the solemnity of this service, no offering will be received during the service. You may place your gifts of money in the offering container by the door as you leave.

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Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

Today

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books April - June are available in the welcome center and the information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. The books are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Dottie Eisenhart and Karen Trout-Long by Gerald Eisenhart.

Serving This Evening Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Usher: Jim Gross
Easter 8:00 Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Bill Allen and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott

Easter 10:00 Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Vicki Mutter; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer

Upcoming Events

The Easter morning breakfast at church has been cancelled. Worship services will be held at 8:00 and 10:00.

The Flutter Youth group (anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome!) will be heading to the Althouse Arboretum on Sunday, April 24th, from 12:30 - 2:00 for a low-ropes course team-building experience. The cost is \$15/person. We will eat after Sunday School (bring a packed lunch) and then drive over together. Please wear sneakers and bring a reusable water bottle. See Jen Boyer or Lindsey Waltermeyer if you are interested in attending this event.

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 meals have been delivered! NHELIC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

We need help! NHELIC Loaves & Fishes is feeding the homeless and those in need every month on the second Tuesday. If you can put a piece of food onto a plate, or serve a plate, or greet someone, or help sing a hymn or two, we could use your help. Meals are served at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown. You can sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc>.

Full to the Brim - An Expansive Lent

Full to the Brim doesn't ignore or deny sin and suffering. It doesn't absolve accountability for wrongdoing. Instead it contextualizes our faith. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? It reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us. Come join us for a truly expansive experience as we dig deeper into our faith and dream.

“Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things*, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us.... --” Eph 3:20

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, Mary Alice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Send

Prayers for the world

On Good Friday we remember that Jesus beat death and won life for all people everywhere. On Good Friday we pray for people around the world who are hurt, suffering, or sick.



Who can you pray for? Write their names on the lines. Pray a silent prayer for each one.









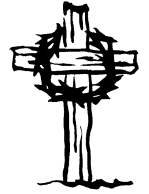
Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross to forgive our sins. Amen

This week

Set up a cross in a quiet place. Invite your family to gather around the cross to pray.

Kids Celebrate

Good Friday

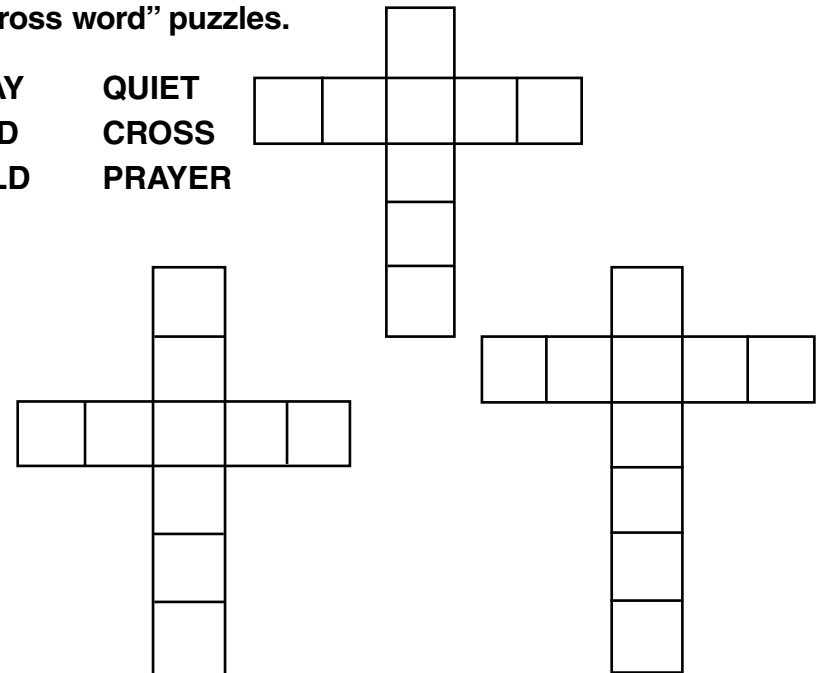


gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Good Friday. What looks different in your worship space today? On this quiet day we remember that God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. God's love for us means life for us and the whole world. That is good news!

Use these words to complete the "cross word" puzzles.

- FRIDAY
- LOVED
- WORLD
- QUIET
- CROSS
- PRAYER



Good Friday

John 18:1—19:42

Follow the path as you read the story about what happened to Jesus on his way to the cross.

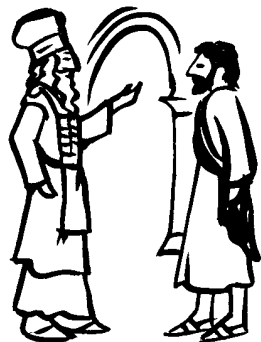
1. Jesus was arrested in a garden.



4. The soldiers whipped Jesus and put a crown of thorns on his head. They laughed and made fun of him.



5. Jesus was condemned to die. Jesus carried his own cross to the place where he was crucified.



2. The soldiers took Jesus to the high priest. The high priest asked Jesus questions about his teaching. Jesus said, "I have said nothing in secret."



3. The soldiers took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate knew Jesus wasn't guilty.



6. Jesus hung on the cross. He said "It is finished," and he died.



7. Nearby there was a new tomb, something like a cave. Jesus' body was placed in the tomb.