

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 18, 2025
7:00 PM



Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

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Today's Worship

Introduction to Good Friday

Our worship this evening tells the story of God's love for us revealed in the self-giving sacrifice of Jesus Christ's death on the cross for our sake. The altar has been stripped at the conclusion of last night's Maundy Thursday service, representing the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the consequences of betrayal and sin.

We begin by hearing the prophecy of the "Suffering Servant" from Isaiah, a prophecy which looks forward to God humbling Godself in the person of Jesus Christ. Then we enter into a version of the Tenebrae service, where as we hear John's account of our Lord's passion and death, we respond with words from Psalm 22, the Psalm from which Jesus quoted while in agony on the cross.

During the Tenebrae service, candles are extinguished and the sanctuary is progressively darkened as we approach the darkness caused by our sin, a darkness which will be overcome on Sunday in the light of our risen Savior.

Welcome

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.

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

¹³See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him

— so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals —

¹⁵so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The First Reading

John 18:1-11

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested
Barbara Noecker

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" ⁵They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was

standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

The first candle is extinguished.

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

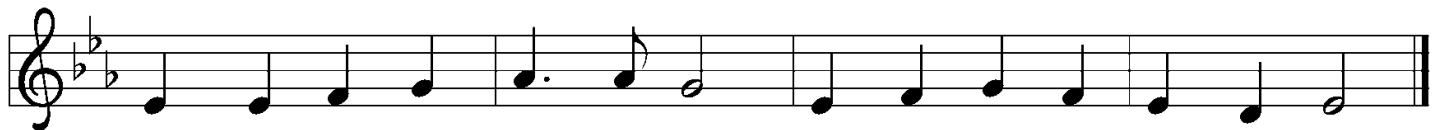
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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb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

Ed Becker

¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

²⁰Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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
Carolyn Fleming

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

The third candle is extinguished.

Please rise as you are able.

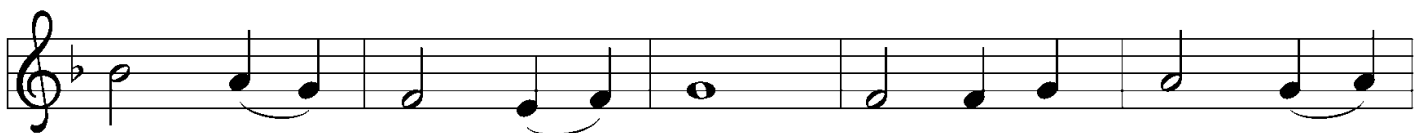
Hymn

When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

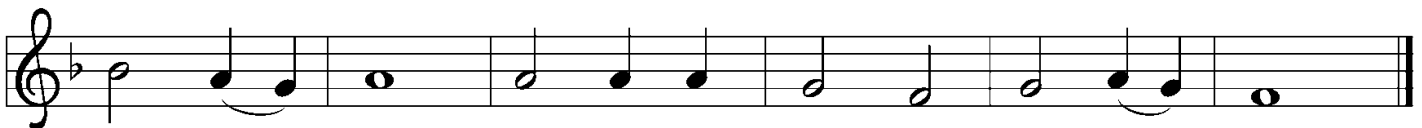
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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



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
Marsha Staub

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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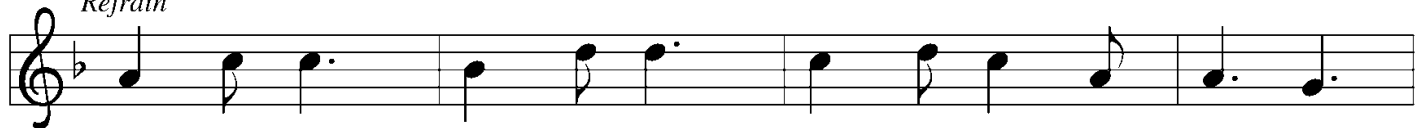


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



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
Dee Singley

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Choir Anthem

Anthem for Lent

Chancel Choir

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

The Sixth Reading

John 19:16b-22

The King Is Crucified
Alivia Singley

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

“Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”
22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

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 Reading

John 19:23-25a

Dividing His Clothes
Kaydence Singley

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

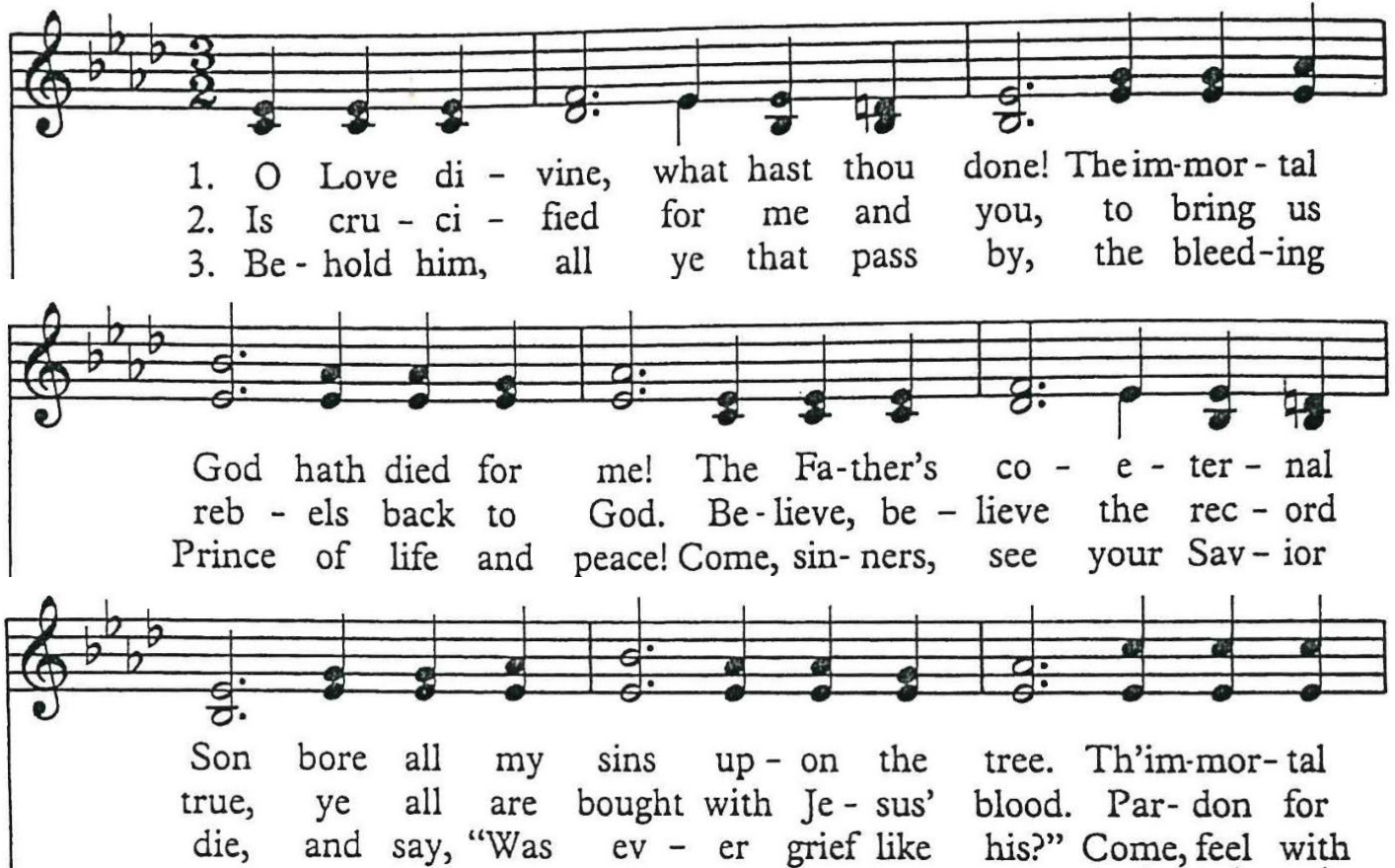
"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Hymn

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three lines of lyrics. The second staff has three lines of lyrics. The third staff has three lines of lyrics.

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



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The Eighth Reading

John 19:25b-30

The Death of Jesus

Nancy White

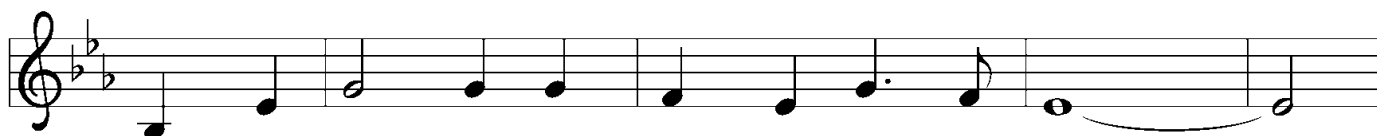
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Please rise as you are able.

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



- 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?



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

Nikki Young

**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
Harry White

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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.

Pastor Scott

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.

Announcements

Today: Usher: Jim Gross, Usher: George Trowbridge, Lectors: Barbara Noecker, Ed Becker, Carolyn Fleming, Marsha Staub, Dee Singley, Alivia Singley, Kadence Singley, Nancy White and Harry White, Acolytes: Ron Fegley and Elsa Lucas, Bell Toll: Gary Moser

Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Bill Allen, Ryan Waltermeyer and Zach Quigley, Lector: Scott Geiser, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Hannah Waltermeyer, Communion Assistants: Leslie Gates and Donna Kehs

Altar Guild members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan.

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

Holy Week Continues

Easter Worship, April 20th

Communion service at 9:00 AM

Upcoming Events

April Gathering is Tuesday, April 22nd, at noon. The Aging Grace-Fully series continues with a live-stream presentation by Missy Buchanan, author of *From Dry Bones to Living Hope*. In this book, the author opens with an intimate, prayerful lament to God from the perspective of the older adult, who longs for spiritual renewal and purpose, and then guides the reader to God's perspective on aging and specific actions to take for leading to hope and joy.

Lunch will be available prior to the presentation. Participants are encouraged to bring a desert to share. Look for a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELC True North Kids Camp will be June 16th – June 20th from 9:00 AM – noon. Potty trained preschoolers – rising 5th graders are welcome to attend. Youth headed to 6th grade and up are welcome to be junior counselors. Register and/or sign up to volunteer NOW! Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/35b361>.

Gathering of Daughters Sunday, May 4th, at noon In celebration of Mother's Day, daughters of all ages are invited to a Gathering of Daughters featuring a **tea party** themed lunch of assorted tea sandwiches, pastries, and hot and cold teas. Following the tea, will be a **vintage fashion show** featuring New Hanover's models showcasing styles from ? to the 1980s. (You won't want to miss this!) Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the Welcome Center or sign up on the Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-56007833-gathering>. **Reservations are due by Sunday, April 27th**. Those attending are asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

Camp Falckner will be held July 21-24, 2025 at the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 – 12. This year's theme is Faith in Action: Generation to Generation. We'll explore how our faith has shaped the past and how we can carry it forward into the future.

Registration is available [online](#), but there are paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

GriefShare Group If you or someone you know is dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one, join the GriefShare group hosted by NHELC. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. You may sign up online <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Bill Bauer and Victor Battaglia (Kathy Taylor's brother)

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

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| Katy Mahon-Miller | Luann Hanley | Carol Estes |
| William Trotter | Kathy Kane | Maxwell Girard |
| Pat Fryer | Jean Renninger | Pr. Kork Moyer |
| Betty Lou Shadle | Julia Hauck | Tony Mancini |
| Raul Castro | Amy LeVan | Jeffrey Kunsch |
| Wilma Lahr | Melissa | Mary Lou |
| Doug Weaver | Joan Wagner | Robert Ganovsky |
| Dorothy Bingaman | Emily Ocelus | Eric & Wendy Hess |
| Sue Care | Deb Matthews | Marceline |
| Anne Eshleman | Daniel Johnson | Chris Fatzinger |
| Hank Droneberg | Pena family | Kim Frain |
| Jen Perez | Frank D. | Pam Helfrich |
| Barb & Tom Faust | Andy Van Dyke | Janet |
| Pam Abbott | Holli Muffler | Louise Karns |
| Pr. Jennifer Phelps | Jessica Trout | Verdie Smith |
| Sandy Wesner | Helen Foulke | Carla Hausmann |
| Joan Price | Betty Seroski | Ralph Borneman |
| Lucille Powell | Jeffrey Weems | Joan Scheffey |
| Arnold Amundsen | Chuck Beck | Ally Musser & family |
| Rich Freed | Joe | Joe |
| Casey Flack | Tim Mutter | Denton Quick |
| David Helfrich, Sr. | Tara Hauck | Patricia Kemp |
| Ron Seasholtz | Penny Garber | Hazel LeVan |
| Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & | Conor Budnick | Lynn Amundsen |
| David Gottshall | Paul Knauer | Suzanne Dodge |
| Kate Brunick & family | Sue Lowry | Dave Pollock |
| Julia Ghazi | Ray Feick | Patty Houseal |

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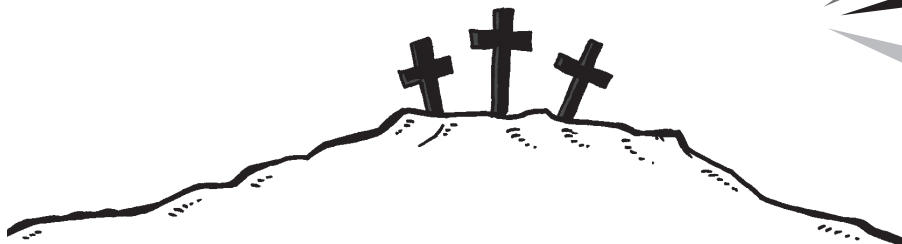
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How many crosses do you count on Calvary?

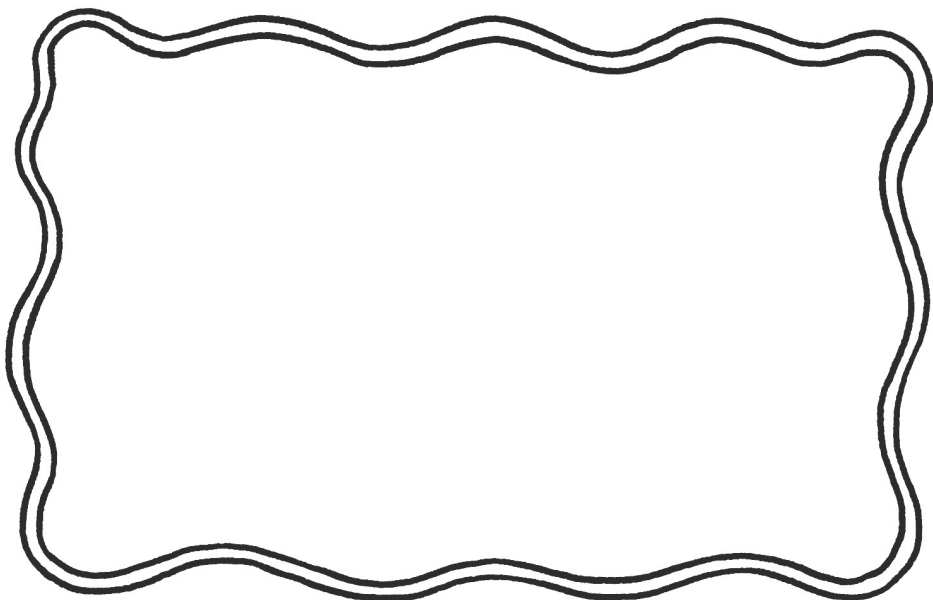
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Now look around...how many crosses can you count in your worship space today?

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Draw them below:

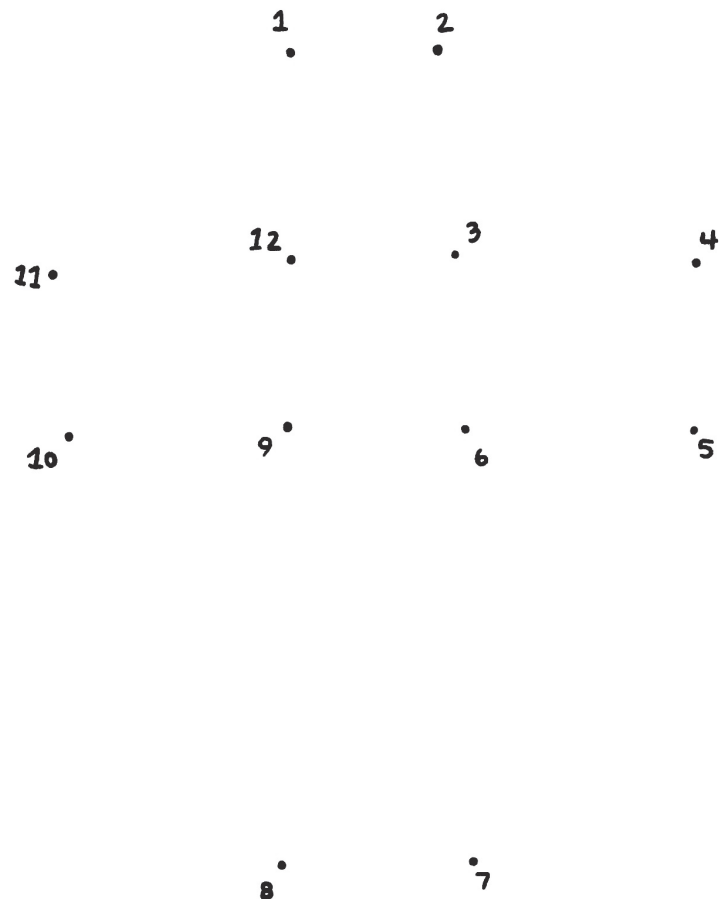


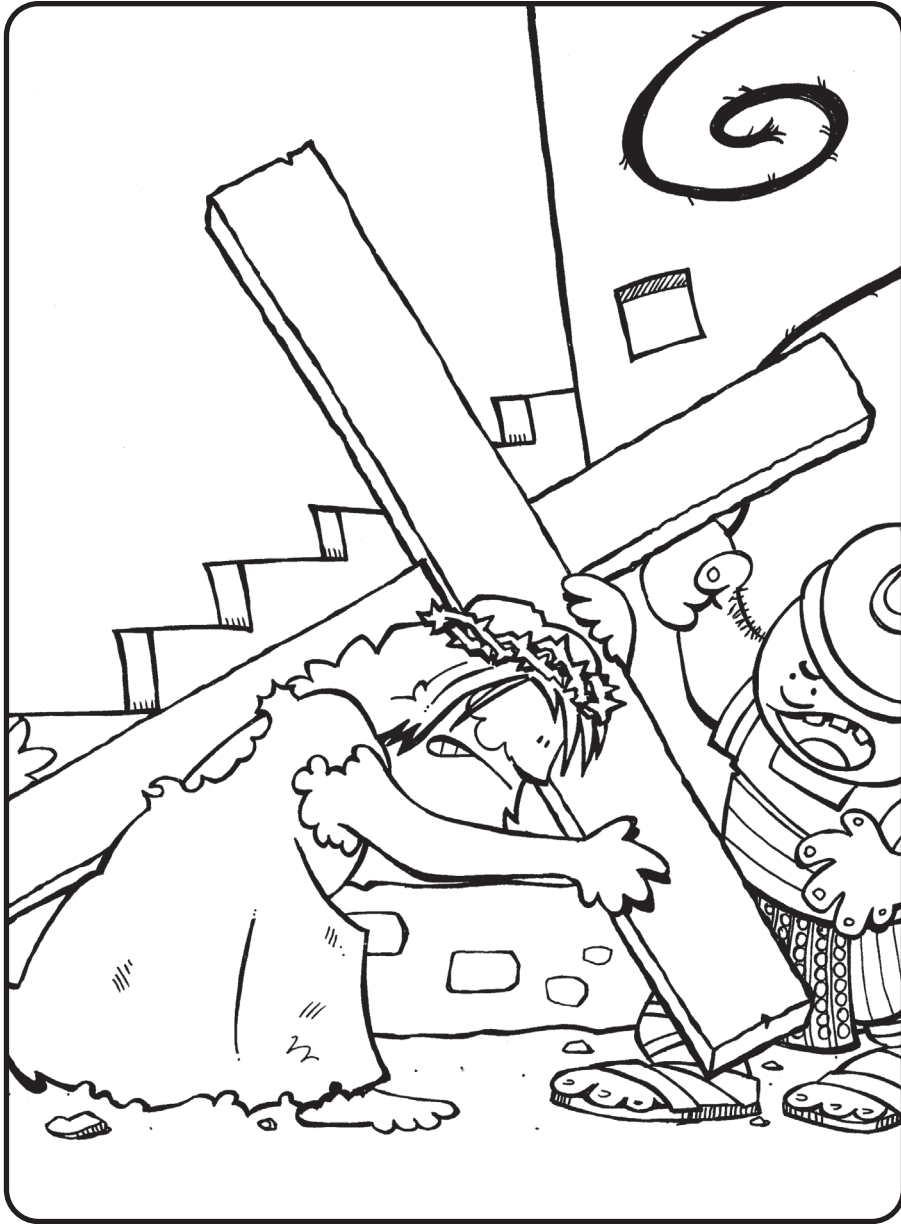
PRE-READER

Good Friday

- Today is **Good Friday**.
- Good Friday is part of **Holy Week**.
- On Good Friday, we remember **Jesus' death**.

Connect the dots below as we begin to learn where we find Jesus on this day...

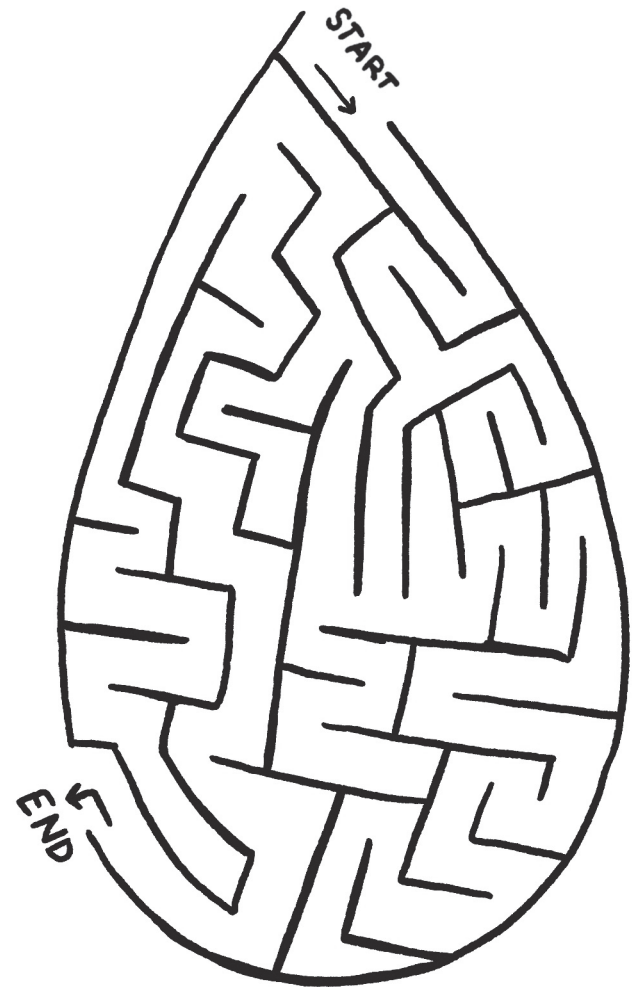




It was a very sad day when Jesus died. Jesus carried his cross all the way to Calvary

Sometimes death can feel like a dead end, and sometimes sadness can make us feel like we're lost.

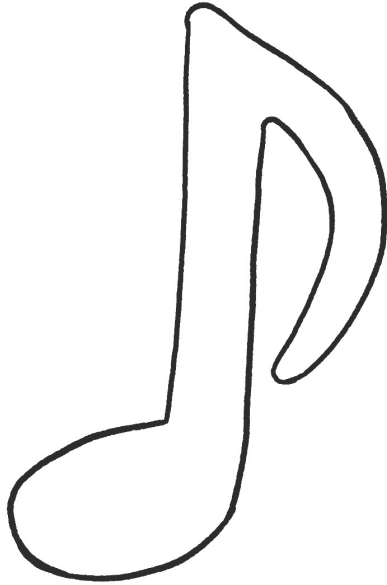
Complete the maze below, and know that Jesus journeys with you:



WITH JESUS, DEATH IS NOT THE END!

Mourning through Music

One way the church mourns together is by singing together. Listen to the lyrics of the hymns or songs in today's service. In the musical note below, write in some of the lyrics that move you the most:



Now try composing your own music! Add some of the musical symbols from the box to the staff (the lines) below. Next Sunday, show your creation to one of the musicians at your church to see how it sounds.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of two sets of five horizontal lines each, intended for musical notation.



READER

Good Friday

- Today is **Good Friday**.
- Good Friday is part of **Holy Week**, when we remember the last week of Jesus' life.
- On Good Friday, we remember **Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion**.

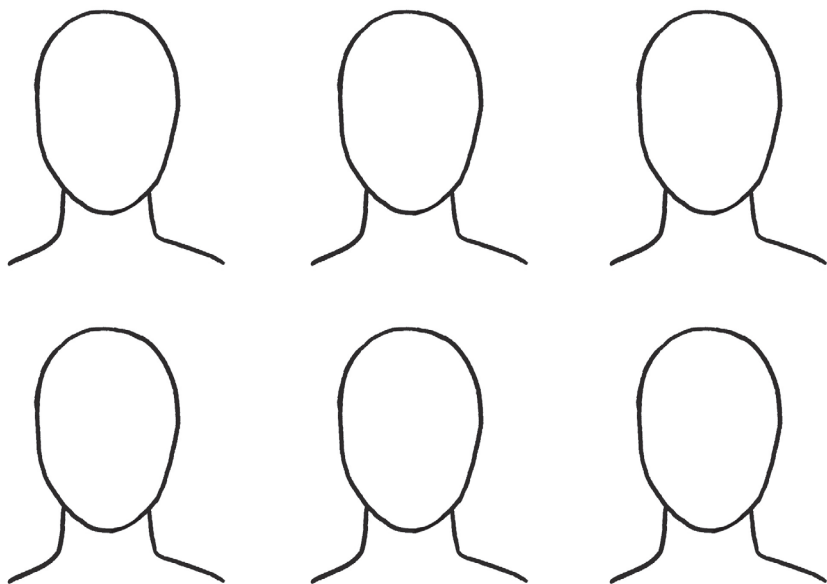
Today, we remember Jesus on the cross. Look for the crosses in your worship space and draw them below.

*Pay close attention: are there any crosses you notice at church today that aren't usually there?

A large empty rectangular box for drawing crosses observed in the worship space.

Grieving Together

Jesus' mother and a couple of his closest friends and family members were present at Jesus' death (see John 19:25-27). Grieving often happens in community. That's why on Good Friday—or whenever we grieve a death—we gather together as a church. Look around at the faces of those gathered around you to grieve today, and draw them below:



Did You Know?

There are many different kinds of psalms. Some psalms give God thanks and praise, some ask God for help, some express grief, and so on. Today's psalm—Psalm 22—is what's called a "psalm of lament." To lament means to mourn or grieve. It can include feelings of anger, hurt, and sadness. Read Psalm 22. What are some of the words or phrases that you think express **lament**?

"When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." -John 19:30

Memory Verse

God With Us

Martin Luther said that if we want to know anything about who Jesus Christ is, we should look to Jesus on the cross. This means we've got a God who is with us even in the worst of our suffering and pain. Where do you see examples of suffering or pain in the world around you?

