

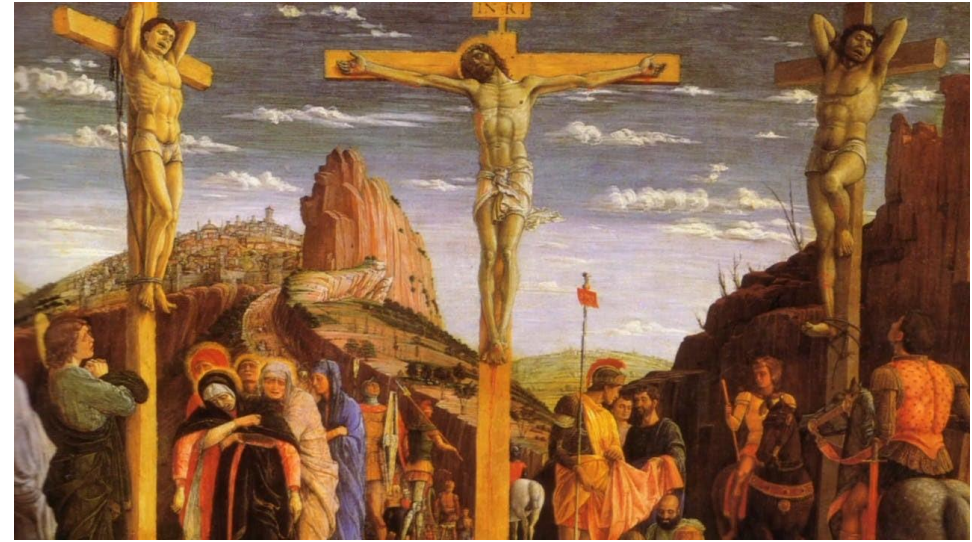
### Corporate prayer of longing

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung upon the Cross.  
He who is King of the angels is arrayed in a crown of thorns. He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in the purple of mockery. He who in Jordan set Adam free receives blows upon His face. The Bridegroom of the Church is transfixed with nails. The Son of the Virgin is pierced with a spear. We venerate Thy Passion, O Christ. Show us also Thy glorious Resurrection.<sup>1</sup>

Closing Scripture

Matthew 27:57-61

**\*\*Please depart the worship space quietly\*\***



## Good Friday Service

April 7, 2023

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<sup>1</sup> 15th Antiphon of the Matins of Holy Friday

Musical Prelude

Jill Connin

## Call to the Cross

Welcome to the worship service and Call to Worship

*Pastor Nat Erickson, PhD*

Responsive reading: The cross-shaped love

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow  
of the Cross of Christ.

**All: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence  
of Love's ultimate sacrifice.**

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth,  
the length and width of God's love might look like this:  
a forsaken savior on a cross?

**All: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost  
amid the world's distractions and responsibilities.**

**Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.**

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ  
and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.

Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why  
this Friday is called "Good."

**All: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven,  
that we might have the faith, hope, and love,  
witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.<sup>2</sup>**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn                      Hallelujah! What a Savior!                      #283

## The Nails of the Cross

NAIL OF INJUSTICE                      John 1:9-11; Luke 23.39-43

*Pastor BJ Ash, United Methodist Church*

\* Hymn: 263 Alas and did my savior die (vv. 1, 3)

NAIL OF GOD'S CURSE                      Galatians 3:10-14; Matthew 27:45

*Betty LaPointe, Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian*

Responsive prayer<sup>3</sup>

Leader: Before the cross we kneel and see the heinousness of our sin  
**All: our iniquity that caused thee to be made a curse, the evil that excites  
the severity of divine wrath.**

Leader: Show us the enormity of our guilt by the crown of thorns, the  
pierced hands and feet, the bruised body, the dying cries.

**All: Infinite must be the evil and guilt that demands such a price.**

NAIL OF JUDGMENT

Isaiah 53:4-6; Colossians 2:13-15

*Pastor Tommy Richter, Zion Lutheran Church*

Corporate prayer of repentance:

Forgive us, we pray.

Remove the sins that distance us from you  
and from those we love and care about.

Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy,  
and our greed.

Remove from us our thoughtless acts  
and words that hurt one another.

Remove from us the tendency to hurt others  
out of revenge and anger.

Forgive us please.

Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.

And renew in us a right spirit. Amen.

**Ecumenical Bell Choir: When I survey the Wonderous Cross**

CROWN OF HUMILIATION                      Revelation 19:11-12; Matthew 27:27-30

*Pastor Nat Erickson, PhD, First Baptist Church*

\* Hymn                      Were You There? (vv. 1-3)                      #266

## Leaving the Cross

*Doug Troyer, Cedar Grove Mennonite Church*

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\*The words for the hymns can be found in the "Sing Joyfully" pew hymnals.

\* congregation, stands as able.

<sup>2</sup> From *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2006*, edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu. Copyright © 2005 by Abingdon Press. All rights reserved.

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from Arthur Bennett, ed., *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1975), 41.