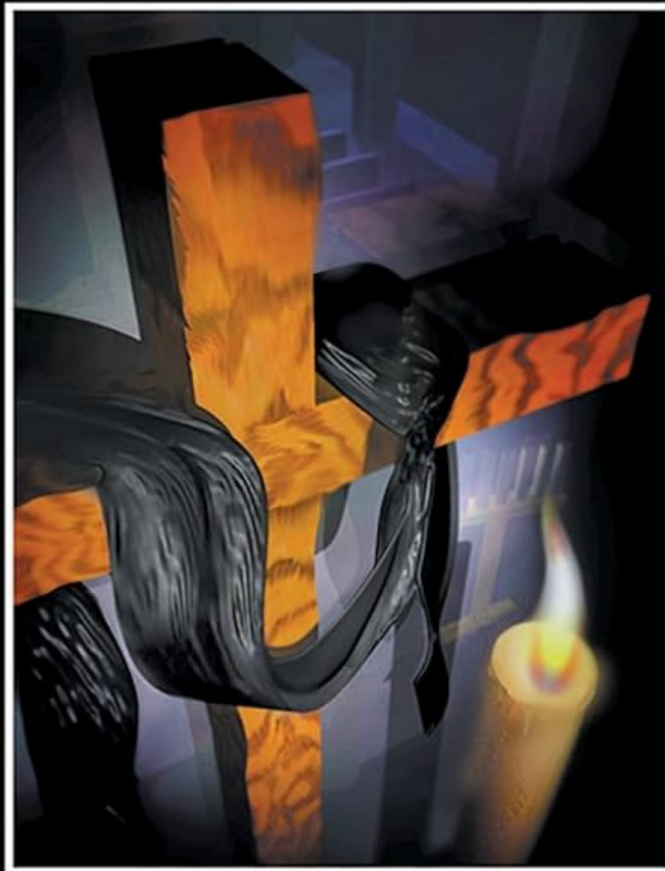


# TENEBRAE

## A Service of Darkness

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# ST. PAUL UCC

## GOOD FRIDAY

### APRIL 3, 2026

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Visiting Clergy* ..... Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler  
*Director of Music* ..... Dr. Tristan Frampton  
*Organist* ..... Cynthia Johnson  
*Liturgists* ..... Karen Keuss & Wayne Kniepkamp  
*Guest Oboist* ..... Ann Homann

#### PRELUDE

#### \*GREETING

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,  
**Who redeems us from sin and death.**

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

\*OPENING HYMN      *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*      (page 3)

#### \*A BIDDING PRAYER & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

CONGREGATION SINGS BOTH STANZAS



1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down, now  
2. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend, for



scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown; O  
this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end? O



sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine; yet,  
make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be. Lord,



though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

## THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you that you should testify against me? 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.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, 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 prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

**Amen.**

HYMN

All Who Pass This Way

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZAS 2 & 3 (*Stanza 1: Choir only*)



1. All who pass this way, look and see;  
2. All who pass this way, look and see;  
3. All who pass this way, look and see;



All who pass this way, look and see;  
All who pass this way, look and see;  
All who pass this way, look and see;



See the Lord of Life, see him now;  
See the Lord of Life, see him now;  
See the Lord of Life, see him now;



See his sor - row; Kum ba yah.  
See his suf - f'ring; Kum ba yah.  
See him dy - ing; Kum ba yah.

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

## FIRST READING

The religious leaders conspire against Jesus

## SECOND READING

Judas plots with the authorities to deliver Jesus

## THIRD READING

Jesus tells his disciples where to celebrate the Paschal meal

## FOURTH READING

Jesus announces that one of his disciples will betray him

## FIFTH READING

Jesus recites the Words of Institution

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Cup of Love*  
Teresa Schmidt, canto

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## SIXTH READING

Jesus tells his disciples that they will all desert him

## SEVENTH READING

In Gethsemane the disciples fall asleep

## The Cup of Love

REFRAIN: *First time: Cantor; Second time: Choir & Congregation*



Lord, we of - fer thanks; we call up - on your name.

### VERSES 1-4: (*Cantor or Choir in unison*)

1. O Lord, how can we offer thanks to you?  
Your goodness is all around us.  
We will lift up high the cup of love  
and call upon your name.

**REFRAIN** (*Choir & Congregation*)

2. O Lord, we will pay our vows to you;  
we will pay them before the people.  
The death of all your faithful saints  
is precious in your sight.

**REFRAIN** (*Choir & Congregation*)

3. Your servants, O Lord, we are your servants,  
yes, children of a humble house.  
You have freed us, Lord, we offer thanks;  
we call upon your name.

**REFRAIN** (*Choir & Congregation*)

4. O Lord, we will pay our vows to you;  
we will pay them before the people.  
O Jerusalem, within your courts  
we offer thanks and praise.

**REFRAIN** (*Choir & Congregation*)

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG** *Could You Not Watch*  
Stephen Schmidt, soloist

**REFRAIN:** *First time: Choir; Second time: Choir & Congregation*  
*(the Congregation may sing in unison or four-part harmony)*

Could you not watch? Could you not watch? Could you not watch with me one hour?

Could you not watch? Could you not watch? Could you not watch with me?

**VERSES:** *Soloist*

1. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.  
I soon must drink the bitter cup,  
the cup of the world's salvation.  
**REFRAIN** (*Choir & Congregation*)
2. O Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.  
The hour is at hand;  
with swords they come to take me.  
**REFRAIN** (*Choir & Congregation*)
3. Jerusalem weep not, weep not for yourselves,  
but weep for your children,  
yes, weep for your children's children.  
**REFRAIN** (*Choir & Congregation*)

## EIGHTH READING

Jesus is betrayed by Judas and then is seized by the Roman soldiers

## NINTH READING

Jesus' trial begins in the court of the high priest Caiaphas

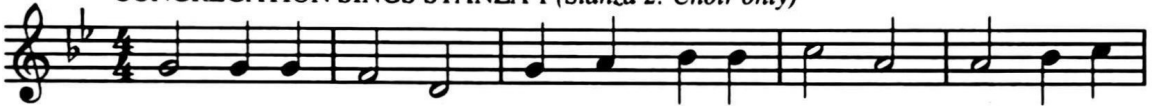
## TENTH READING

Peter denies having any knowledge of Jesus

## HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesu*

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZA 1 (*Stanza 2: Choir only*)



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed, that mor - tal
2. *Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my*



judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
*trea - son, Lord, that has un - done you! 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,*



by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
*I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.*

## ELEVENTH READING

Jesus is put in custody of Pontius Pilate

## TWELFTH READING

Jesus is put on the stand before Pontius Pilate

**THIRTEENTH READING**

The crowd shouts, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

**SONG**

*Crucify Him!*  
Sanctuary Choir

**FOURTEENTH READING**

The Roman soldiers mock Jesus, proclaiming, "Hail, King of the Jews"

**FIFTEENTH READING**

Jesus is crucified

**HYMN**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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**SIXTEENTH READING**

Jesus breathes his last breath

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Ah, Holy Jesus  
Ann Homann, oboe

**SEVENTEENTH READING**

The curtain of the temple is torn, the earth shakes

**CLOSING MUSIC**

Were You There  
Osceola Mueller and Tristan Frampton, soloists

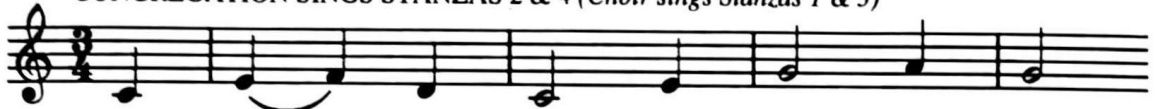
**DISMISSAL**

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, yes, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night, and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

(All leave in silence)

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZAS 2 & 4 (Choir sings Stanzas 1 & 3)



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. (See below)
- \*4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
that were a pres - ent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

STANZA 3: Choir only (Sung to the tune HAMBURG)

3. 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?

