

Good Friday April 3rd, 2026

Gather in Silence

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "Soldiers Wove a Crown of Thorns"

By J. Paul Williams

Readings and Symbolic Actions

John 18: 1-5, 10-12

Read by Pat Long

Silence

Symbolic Action: Extinguishing the Light

John 18: 15-18a, 25-27

Read by Cal Watts

Silence

Symbolic Action: Monologue of Peter's Lament

John 18: 19-23, 28-32

Read by Krisztina Kurtossy

Silence

Hymn: VU 147 "What Wondrous Love is This"

American folk hymn

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this,

that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this,

that caused the Lord of life

to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

to lay aside his crown for my soul.



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To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

John 18: 33-40, 19: 1-4 Read by Ned Wells

Silence

Symbolic Action: Holding a Rock

John 19: 5-16a Read by Diana Chappell

Silence

Symbolic Action: Monologue of a Soldier's Crises

John 19: 16b-19, 23-24, 25-30 Read by David Hubbell

Silence

Hymn: VU 144 "Were You There"

African American Spiritual

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
(Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
(Were you there?)
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
(Were you there?)

John 19: 38-42 Read by Gail Minacs

Silence

Symbolic Action: Closing the Bible

At the end of the service,
you are invited to sit quietly for as long as you want.
When you are ready, you may leave in silence.
If you wish you may place your rock
at the foot of the cross.