



## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 3, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

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**Prelude** Veronika Klassen  
**Welcome** Rev. Thomas Kim  
**Call to Worship** (responsive)

One: Come, and watch with me awhile.

**ALL: We come to stand by the cross.**

One: Come, and pray with me awhile.

**ALL: We come to stand with Jesus.**

One: Come, and mourn with me awhile.

**ALL: We come to weep for Jesus.**

One: Come to proclaim, 'God's victory remains with love.'

**ALL: We come to open our hearts for Jesus, the Crucified.**

**\*Hymn** *Out of bondage, sorrow and might* #193

**Good Friday Liturgy** Neil Visser

**First Reading** Matthew 26:57-66 – Don Blaak

**Silence**

**Unison Prayer**

Jesus, you stood silent before false accusers. Justice was blind that day, blind to the lies and the desires of the powerful to have their way. If we were there, would we have spoken up in your defense? Strengthen our hearts this day so we will always stand up for the truth. Amen.

**Hymn (seated)** *Beneath the cross of Jesus* #238

**Second Reading** Matthew 26:69-75 – Maria Bitter

**Silence**

**Unison Prayer:**

Jesus Christ, we hate to think that we would desert you if we felt singled out, if people ever challenged us about our faith in you. On this day when we see your commitment to us cost you everything, deepen our commitment to you. Strengthen us whenever we are tempted to deny you in our words or in our actions.

**Hymn (seated)** *Were you there (vv. 1-3)* #233

**Third Reading**

Matthew 27: 27-40 – Margaret Allan

**Silence**

**Unison Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. People mock you and we do not know what to say. People curse with your name, and we say nothing. We watch others carry the cross for you, but we draw back at shouldering more responsibility for your sake. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Hymn (seated)** *Were you there (vv. 4-6)* #233

**Fourth Reading**

Matthew 27: 45-51, 54 – Jo Blaak

**Silence**

**Unison Prayer**

Jesus, it is hard to stand by and watch you die. The taunts pierce our hearts like the nails. We cannot imagine the pain. Today it feels as if we are there, watching, waiting, weeping. When the darkness of pain overshadows us, help us remember that you know our pain better than anyone else. Amen

**Hymn (seated)** *When I survey the wondrous cross (vv. 1-2)* #231

**Fifth Reading**

Matthew 27: 55-61 – Lydia Akuffo

**Silence**

**Unison Prayer:**

Jesus, to be God's Son is to carry the weight of God's world on your shoulders. No wonder it felt like you were alone in the world. You carry the weight of our sin and sorrow, our failure and frailty. Whenever our eyes take in the cross, help us remember your great love at the heart of our loneliness. May the arms of the Cross, your arms, embrace us and keep us steadfast. Amen.

**Hymn (seated):** *When I survey the wondrous cross (vv. 3-4)* #231

**MESSAGE:**

**When Love Spoke Last**

The Rev. Thomas Kim

**\*Hymn:** *Rock of ages, cleft for me* #240

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

## Seven Last Words

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

*Luke 23: 34*

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

*Luke 23: 43*

“Woman, here is your son.” ... “Here is your mother.”

*John 19: 26–27*

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

*Matthew 27: 46 / Mark 15: 34*

“I am thirsty.”

*John 19: 28*

“It is finished.”

*John 19: 30*

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

*Luke 23: 46*

**Silence**

**Exit**

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### ***Thank you to our Service Volunteers:***

Greeters: Neil Visser

Coffee Host: Michele Martin

Hot Cross Buns: Joyce Tiessen & Margaret Ward

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