

* **Prayer of Confession** (Isaiah 53, Psalm 51)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray.

We have all turned to our own way.

**We have sinned and have been the cause
of Christ's suffering.**

Please 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.

* **Altar Call** (*Bring your sins to altar and leave them, light a candle, or pray*)

* **Words of Assurance** (Hebrews 10, Jeremiah 31)

In the name of the compassionate Christ, you are forgiven.

For God has declared,

"I forgive your evil ways and remember your sins no more!"

Offering

* **Doxology** 95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

* **Offertory** (Hebrews 10)

**As your love brought us healing,
may our gifts be used to heal.**

**As your sacrifice brought us salvation,
may our sacrifices be used to save.**

**As your offering feeds our souls,
may our offering feed the hungry.**

**As you willingly gave yourself,
may we give faithfully of ourselves.**

* **Closing Hymn** 2108 O How He Loves You and Me

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

Leave in Peace



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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Good Friday

March 30, 2018, 7:00 PM

A dark, stormy background with lightning bolts striking down. Silhouettes of people are visible on a hill in the distance.

"My God, My God,
Why have you forsaken me?"

"Truly, I tell you, today you
will be with me in Paradise"

"Father, forgive them,
for they do not know
what they are doing"

"Woman, here is your son.
Here is your mother"

"I am thirsty"

"It is finished"

"Father, Into your hands I
commend my spirit!"

Welcome to our Good Friday Service.
Tonight we will be journey through Christ's crucifixion
and reflect on its meaning in our lives today.

A Service of Darkness

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

*Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (The United Methodist Hymnal),
2000's are in the black hymnal (The Faith We Sing).*

Prelude

Bringing In the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: We gather tonight in the shadow of the Cross.

P: Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.

L: How we tremble with fear!

P: How we weep.

L: Why have we forsaken Him?

P: Why have we betrayed and run from his Passion?

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*** Opening Hymn 294 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed!**

*** Opening Prayer** (Psalm 8, Hebrews 2, Good Friday)

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Who are we that you are mindful of us?

**Yet, you consider us only a little lower
than the heavenly angels.**

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**We who need you desperately each day,
have come to you on this Good Friday**

to acknowledge the endless love

you have demonstrated on the Cross of Christ.

**Inspire us to live each and every day,
in the fullness of your eternal life.**

**In the name of the love incarnate,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reading Psalm 22:1-4 Brennan Duhn

Hymn 289 Ah, Holy Jesus (*Verses 1 & 2*)

Reading Psalm 22:14-21 Brennan Duhn

Hymn 289 Ah, Holy Jesus (*Verses 3-4*)

Prayer (*in unison*)

Lord, we come before you

in the approaching darkness of our souls.

**We have traveled this Lenten journey,
overcoming and conquering barriers
that have kept us from serving you.**

**We gathered at the gates of joy on Palm Sunday,
and feasted at the Lord's Table yesterday.**

But today is a different story.

We witness the arrest and trial of the Innocent Savior.

**We watch as he is moved brutally from place to place,
to be judged by people**

who have hardened their hearts against you.

The sorrow that we feel lies heavy upon us.

Lift us, Lord. Comfort us.

Help us get through this time of darkness. AMEN.

The Seven Candles and the Approaching Darkness

(a dramatic presentation of the Crucifixion)

- **A Member of the Sanhedrin** Troy Hall
- **Woman Disciple** Jodi Ward

- **Hymn 290** Go to Dark Gethsemane (*Verses 1 & 2*)

- **Soldier** Kyle Kogel
- **Woman in the Courtyard** Linda Jones

- **Hymn 286** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (*verses 1 & 2*)

- **Pilate** Brian Garrels
- **Woman at the Crucifixion** Betty Zeigler

- **Hymn 288** Were You There (*verses 1-3*)

- **Jesus** Rick Jones
- **Reader** Ted Ellis

(Darkness & Silence)