April 3, 2026
Good Friday

PRELUDE *"Miniatures for Organ, no. 29"* Peeters

"Musette" Haan

WELCOME

INTROIT *"Ah, Holy Jesus"* arr. Berns
Sanctuary Bells

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Pet. 2:24*
Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.
Blessed is the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN: GTG #518** *"Your Only Son" (Lamb of God)* LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 52:13—53:12 O.T. page 520
The suffering servant

RESPONSE: GTG #227 *"Jesus, Remember Me"* REMEMBER ME

PSALM Psalm 22
Why have you forsaken me?

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my groaning?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.
Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.
Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.
They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.
Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.
Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
They shall proclaim God's deliverance
to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

RESPONSE: GTG #227 *"Jesus, Remember Me"* REMEMBER ME

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 N.T. page 173
The merciful high priest

RESPONSE: GTG #227 *"Jesus, Remember Me"* REMEMBER ME

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 26:30-56 N.T. page 23
The betrayal of Jesus

HYMN: GTG #228 *"Were You There"* WERE YOU THERE
(verses 1-5)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 26:57-75 N.T. page 24
Jesus before the High Priest

HYMN: GTG #220 *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* REDHEAD 76
(verses 1-3)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:1-26 N.T. page 24
Jesus before Pilate

HYMN: GTG #223 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* HAMBURG

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:27-44 N.T. page 25
The crucifixion of Jesus

HYMN: GTG #221 *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* PASSION CHORALE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:45-56 N.T. page 25
The death of Jesus

ANTHEM *"And No Bird Sang"* Wagner

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:57-66 N.T. page 26
The burial of Jesus

MEDITATION "Torn in Two" Rev. Bill Pinches

HYMN: GTG #215 *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* WONDROUS LOVE

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION
… We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS
(Repeat three times:)
This is the cross that held the Savior of the world.
Come, let us worship God.
(Repeat eight times:)
… but you have made a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

ANTHEM *"Nearer, My God, to Thee"* BETHANY

Please depart in silence.
The journey continues on Sunday.

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"Truly this man was God's Son!"
(Matthew 27:54)