

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 18, 2025
7:30 pm Worship Service

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Good Friday

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“Welcoming You to God’s Table”

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS IN SILENCE.

There will be about three minutes of silence before the liturgy begins.

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Call to Worship

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: We gather here to worship God.

C: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died to set us free from sin and death and to thank God for his love and his mercy.

L: Let us pray.

C: Assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may remember with joy the mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Reading

Galatians 2:19b-20

I have been crucified with Christ, ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

L: God did not spare his own Son,

C: but delivered him up for us all.

The Tree

L: Let us pray.

C: O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Were You There

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²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

L: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

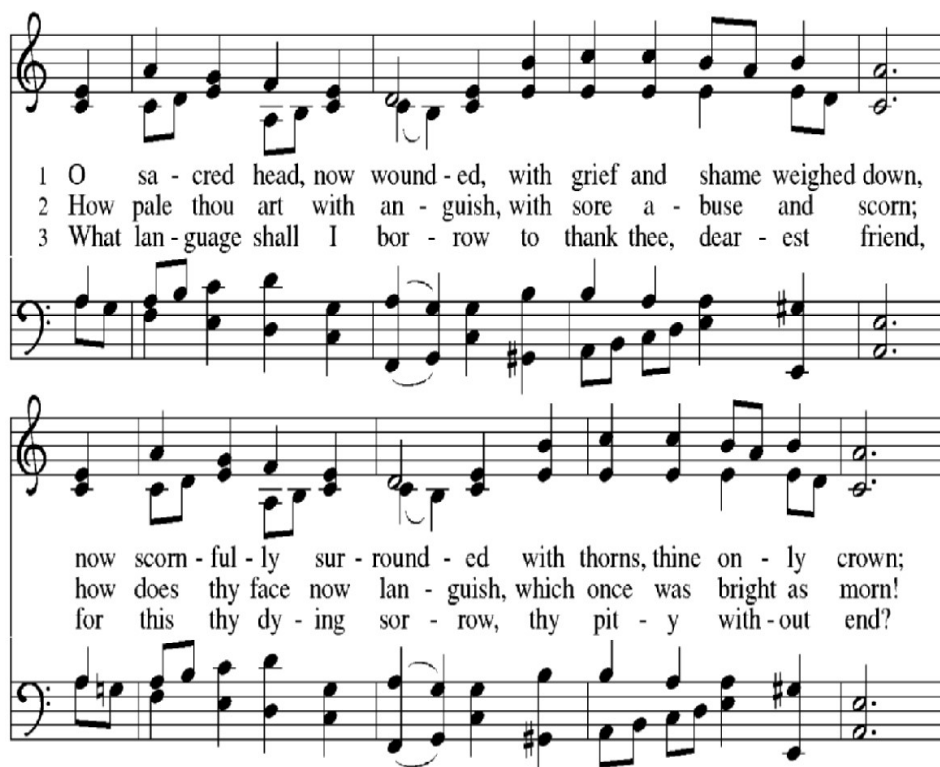
C: **You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

The Crown of Thorns

L: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for 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!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint-ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

The Third Reading

Matthew 27:36-37

³⁶ Then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

L: God did not spare his own Son,
C: but delivered him up for us all.

The Sign

L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of sinners and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You Are My King

(Amazing Love)

Words and Music by
BILLY JAMES FOOTE

VERSE



I'm for-giv - en be - cause You were for-sak - en. I'm ac-cep - ted;



You were con-demned. I'm a - live and well, Your Spir - it is — with-in — me be -



cause You died — and rose a - gain —

CHORUS

A-maz - ing love, how



— can it be — that You, my — King, would die — for me? —



A-maz - ing love, I — know it's true; — it's my — joy — to hon - or You.

REPEAT CHORUS

2. 3

LAST TIME - END



— In all — I — do — I hon - or You —



You are my — King, You are my — King. Je - sus,



You are — my — King. Je - sus, You are — my — King.

REPEAT CHORUS

The Fourth Reading

Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place called "The Skull", they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said "Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing."

L: God did not spare his own Son,
C: but delivered him up for us all.

The Nails

L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to suffer and die. Help us to turn to him so that we might cry out for mercy and receive the promise of eternal life. Amen.

MUSIC OFFERING

Praise Team - *Drop Slow Tears of Anguish (Slow Tears)*

The Fifth Reading

John 19:24

²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,
"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

L: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

The Robe

L: Let us pray.

C: O, God you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him in freedom today and forever in the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

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Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

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