

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: The betrayal, suffering, pain, and death of Jesus are powerful reminders of His humanity. We have heard the story once more, and again it has pierced our hearts and our spirits. Go now into a world that would have you believe that death is the final answer, that pain and suffering are the only way.

All: Amen

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Everyone is invited to leave in silence



Pastor: Reverend Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People



Good
FRIDAY

Good Friday Service, March 29, 2024

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March 29, 2024—6:30 pm

+ Indicates when worshippers are invited to rise in body or in spirit
To prepare for worship, please turn off your cell phones.

The Church Gathers to Worship

Welcome and Announcements —

+ Call to Worship —

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the cross of Christ.

All: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height, depth, length, and width of God's love might look like this: A forsaken savior on a cross?

All: Certainly not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.

All: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

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+ Opening Hymn — No. 2108 *O How He Loves You and Me*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer —

Holy and ever-living God, by the suffering and death of Jesus you save us from Adam's fall. Grant in your mercy that we may be drawn to Christ lifted high on the cross, and by the redeeming love be raised to everlasting life with Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Based on a prayer published in *The New Handbook of the Christian Year* by Hoyt L. Hickman, Don E. Saliers, et. al. ©1986, 1992 by Abingdon Press.

A Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Church Hears God's Word

Gospel Reading — John 18:1-11

Hymn — No. 290 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Vs. 1

Gospel Reading — John 18:12-19:16a

Hymn — No. 290 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Vs. 2

Gospel Reading — John 19:16b-25a

Hymn — No. 288 *Were You There* Vs. 1&2

Gospel Reading — John 19:25b-37

Hymn — No. 288 *Were You There* Vs. 3

Gospel Reading — John 19:38-42

Hymn — No. 288 *Were You There* Vs. 5

Stripping of the altar —