



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

April 3, 2026



GOOD FRIDAY



Thank you for worshipping with us on this Good Friday!

Serving in this Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen,
Outreach Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich,
Director, St. Andrew Ministry

Sam Carlton,
Classic Worship Arts Director

Tom Ingui,
Organist

Chancel Choir
Sam Carlton, Director

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Christian worship gives all glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God. We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us—particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Good Friday of Holy Week

7:00 P.M.
April 3, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

Have Mercy on Thy Poor Servant, O Lord, BWV 721 (Psalm 51)
Tom Ingui J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

~ GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD ~

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Jean Langlais
Tom Ingui

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* **HYMN 213** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53
Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

- Liturgist: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- Congregation: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.**
- Liturgist: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- Congregation: He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.**
- Liturgist: Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- Congregation: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.**
- Liturgist: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- Congregation: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Liturgist: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Congregation: By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

Liturgist: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Congregation: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

Liturgist: After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Congregation: Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

[silence]

PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

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.

ANTHEM

The Cup

Music by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Lyrics by Jan McGuire

In anguish deep the Savior prayed from dark Gethsemane.
In agony He pleaded there, "Please take this cup from me."
What was it in the bitter cup that Jesus saw ahead?
Was pain and suffering all He saw, or was there more to dread?

"Yet not my will, but Yours" He said with firm, but weary voice.
And with His vast, amazing love accepted mercy's choice.
He took the sins of all the world and made them His that day,
Though He knew well that sin would turn His Father's face away.

Could it have been that Jesus saw the wrongs that I have done
Within the cup of woe that turned the Father from His Son?
Yes, all my guilt was there the day His cross was lifted up.
For when He chose to take the drink, my sin was in the cup.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for thee.
Even the cup of grief to share; thou hast borne all for me.

SECOND READING

Luke 22:39-42

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

PRAYER (Unison)

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ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Forsaken

Music by Dan Forrest
Lyrics by Dustin Battles

How long, O God, will You neglect my prayer?
Will You forget these tears of dark despair?
Yet not My will, but Yours alone be done:
Forsake not man, but Me Your sinless Son.

O why, My God, have You forsaken me?
Why have You now refused My final plea?
I cry in pain and fear,
You turn Your back in silence, in silence disappear.

I, Christ the Son, obey Your great command,
Enduring punishment for sinful man.
As Son and silent Lamb, I choose this path:
Accept rejection to appease Your wrath.

I, Christ the Son, bear all their sin alone,
Embracing judgement from Your glorious throne.
As Son and spotless Lamb, I shed My blood
To bring them boldly to Your face, My God.

Forsake not man, but Me, Your sinless Son.

THIRD READING

John 19:1-16

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face. ⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

⁶ As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁷ The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar." ¹³ When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

¹⁵ But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

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.

ANTHEM

The March to Calvary

Music by J. H. Maunder

Chancel Choir

Lyrics by Shapcott Wensley

The Saviour King goes forth to die!
Goes forth in all His glory bright!
And Angels from the realms on high,
Look down to see the wondrous sight.

With weariness and anguish sore,
On, on to death the Saviour goes!
The Roman helmets flash before,
Behind Him shout exultant foes.

On, on to Calvary's fateful hill,
Reviled by those He came to bless;
But in His stuff'ring bearing still
The majesty of Righteousness!

The Son of God goes forth to die!
To yield in pain His mortal breath!
To rob the grave of Victory,
And take, for aye, the sting from death!

The Saviour King goes forth to die!

The Saviour King goes forth to die!

FOURTH READING

John 19:16-24

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

¹⁶ So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

"They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing."

So this is what the soldiers did.

PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

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ANTHEM

They Crucified My Lord

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir and Festival Ringers

They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

FIFTH READING

John 19:31-37

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

Lord, even unto your suspension on the cross, even in the lifelessness of the crucified body –You fulfilled all the Law and the Prophets. From age-to-age, your mission has been one of rescue and love for us. While we may never fully understand the true gravity of that position, we thank you.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN 228

Were You There?

WERE YOU THERE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

Depart in Silence