

Good Friday
March 29, 2024
Pastor Kim Swenson



The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING

Worship Volunteers 1:00 and 6:30
Assisting Minister: Charlie Hilla/Kay Zastrow
Reader: Doris Brack/Tori Russett
**Ushers: Sharon Hilla & Linda Grunewald/
Michael Zastrow & Dawn Schroeder**
Video Tech: 6:30 Cindy Michalski

Silence is kept for meditation prior to worship

Gathering

Our worship service today is a different take on the Stations of the Cross. Together, we will journey through Jesus' final moments through the eyes of his disciple, Peter. In Peter, we see a little of all of us—he is devout and resolute, zealous and rash, and even fearful and flawed. If any of us can locate ourselves in the crucifixion story, it is likely we can see ourselves in Peter.

This is a service of confession, lament, and repentance.

Through Peter's experience, we will consider our own. We will look closely at the events of Good Friday to help us honestly assess who we are. As Jesus tells Peter the truth about himself, we will consider the truth about ourselves. James Baldwin once said, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." Let us journey together through this difficult day, trusting in God's power and willingness to bind our wandering hearts to God's own self.

Call to Worship

Let us remember

how the sky went dark.

Let us remember

how his mother was there.

Let us remember

how people mocked him.

Let us remember

how his friends fled.

Let us remember,

how in the midst of all that, Jesus still chose love.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Cranberry 347 vss 1-3



- 1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
- 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
- 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
- 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Prayer of the Day

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, God who asked for a drink,
God who was killed by the state,
God who offered love and grace even from the cross—
we are at a loss for words.

What do we do with this day?

The air is heavy.
Our hearts are heavy.
The suffering of this world feels particularly close,
spilling out all over us.

**And yet, even in this space,
we know you are moving.
Even in this space,
we know that this is not the end.
Give us the heart to hear this story
and the courage to let it change us.
Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Cranberry 807 vs 1



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

PETER RESISTS/RECEIVES FOOT WASHING JOHN 13:1-15

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already decided[a] that Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, would betray Jesus. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

We have heard the words of scripture. Let us now use our holy imaginations to read between the words and consider how Peter might have felt in these moments. Please write your thoughts on your paper.

Ideas of Peter: This feels . . . strange.

What does Jesus mean by all this?

What does he mean by saying that not all of us are clean? He washed our feet, which was . . . strange. But I trust my teacher. I've given up everything to follow him. Is that not love? His words seem . . . strange. What does he know? What is he not saying?

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God,
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.

**By your Holy Spirit guide the church
and gather it throughout the world.**

Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Cranberry 351 vss 3-4



- 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,
- 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



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?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



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,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



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.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

Extinguish the first candle. Silence

JESUS FORETELLS PETER'S DENIALS JOHN 13:31-38

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

³⁶Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." ³⁷Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times."

Jesus commands, "Just as I have loved you, you should also love another." Again let us use our holy imaginations to read between the words and consider how Peter might have felt in these moments. Please write your thoughts on your paper.

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God,
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.
Strengthen and uphold The Rev Elizabeth Eaton, churchwide bishop, The Rev Anne Edison-Albright, East Central Synod bishop, Pastor Kim,
other ministers, and lay leaders.

**Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,
and help each of us in our various vocations
to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Cranberry 351 vss 1-2

Extinguish the second candle. Silence

PETER DRAWS HIS SWORD JOHN 18:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was

to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?"⁵They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these people go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Jesus asks, "Whom are you looking for?" Let us take a moment and write how Peter would respond.

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.

Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.

**Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1pm Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cranberry 705 v3

6:30pm Choir

Must Jesus Bear the Cross

Extinguish the third candle. Silence

JESUS IS ARRESTED, AND PETER DENIES CHRIST JOHN 18 :12-18

¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.

¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

I invite you to turn your attention to the image printed on the front of your bulletin. Look at the top face of Peter in the artwork on the front of your bulletin which is inspired by Peter denying Christ.

What do you think Peter was thinking? Write your thoughts now.

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names.

**Bring an end to inter-religious strife,
and make us more faithful witnesses
of the love made known to us in your Son.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

Cranberry 349 vss 1-2



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.

Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Extinguish the fourth candle. Silence

PETER DENIES CHRIST AGAIN AND AGAIN JOHN 18:19-27

¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

You are invited to once again look at the faces of Peter on the front of your bulletin. Each face tells an emotion that Peter was feeling that day. Peter is forced to see himself as he truly is—as Jesus had already shown him. Who will he choose to be after this? When we are confronted with who we truly are, who will we choose to be after that confrontation?

Add your thoughts about Peter now.

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.

Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

Cranberry 349 vss 3-4

Extinguish the fifth candle. Silence

JESUS IS INTERROGATED JOHN 19:1-12

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him!"

Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar."

What would it have been like for Peter to watch Jesus be interrogated? Write your thoughts now.

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God,
you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.
**In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,
and a share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

Were You There

Cranberry 353 vss 1-2



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Extinguish the sixth candle. Silence

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED JOHN 19:13-30

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.

¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.' " ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So 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."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

"Prone to wander, Lord, we feel it, prone to leave the God we love." Friends, we are more like Peter than we may like to admit. Our Lord has died, and we were not there. And so, tonight we grieve with Peter. Our wandering hearts are heavy.

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
**Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,
and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

Were You There

Cranberry 353 vss 3-4

Extinguish the seventh candle. Silence

Prayers of Intercession

A large cross is carried down the aisle slowly as the prayers are spoken. The lights are also dimmed with the light for the cross remaining at the end.

Holy One, we are here.
We don't want to turn away from you this night,
but our hearts are heavy and our burdens are great.
We lay them at the foot of your cross.
On the cross, you bore the weight of all our cares,
and the good news is heavy on our souls.
May we not turn away
from the spectacle and tragedy of your death.

Draw us to the pain of your cross.

When we judge the crowd,
caught up in the frenzy and the fervor,
help us to recognize our own tendency
to follow crowds where we do not want to go.
We offer prayers this day
for people caught up in crowds,
anxiety, fear, and the rush of judgment.
May we be non-anxious witnesses
to the pain of the world,
able to respond in compassion.

Draw us to the peace of your cross.

We see your body, broken, O Lord,
and we remember the brokenness
in our community and our lives.
Bring your healing, O God,
into the broken places, the wounds, the fears,

the injuries we don't know how to heal.
We seek your wholeness, your shalom,
for the people we know to be in need of healing.
Draw us to the healing of your cross.

Your cross is a symbol for the whole church.
for the ways we have divided ourselves
and set up walls where you seek bridges, forgive us.
When the body of Christ is broken, you are the one who bleeds.
Lead us to understanding,
to acceptance of differences,
and to love our siblings who serve you differently.
Bless your church in this place and around the world,
that we may represent your love to the world.
Bless our siblings in other faith traditions as well,
that in our embrace, the world may see a path toward peace.
Draw us to the unity of your cross.

We hear your voice crying out in pain on the cross
and we remember the voices crying out around us today.
May we pour out our compassion
instead of drowning them out with our indifference.
May we recognize and acknowledge the pain of their lives.
Draw us to the cries of your cross.

Hear our voices now,
as we bring all of our prayers, pain, and hope before you.
Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole
world. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Cranberry 338

*While we sing, you may come up to the cross to make a sign of reverence.
Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross,
bowing, kneeling before it and praying, or touching it. You may leave your
thoughts about Peter at the cross. You may also light a candle.*

*Please leave in silence when you are ready.
There is nothing to do but wait for the day of Our Lord's Resurrection.*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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