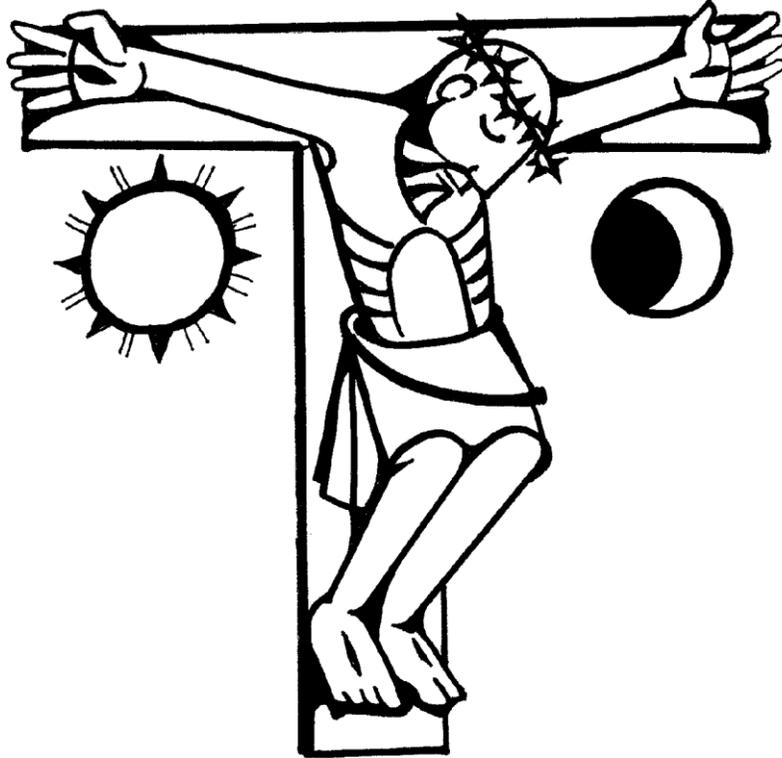


Good Friday

April 3, 2026 ▪ 10:00 am



The ministers enter in silence and go to their places.

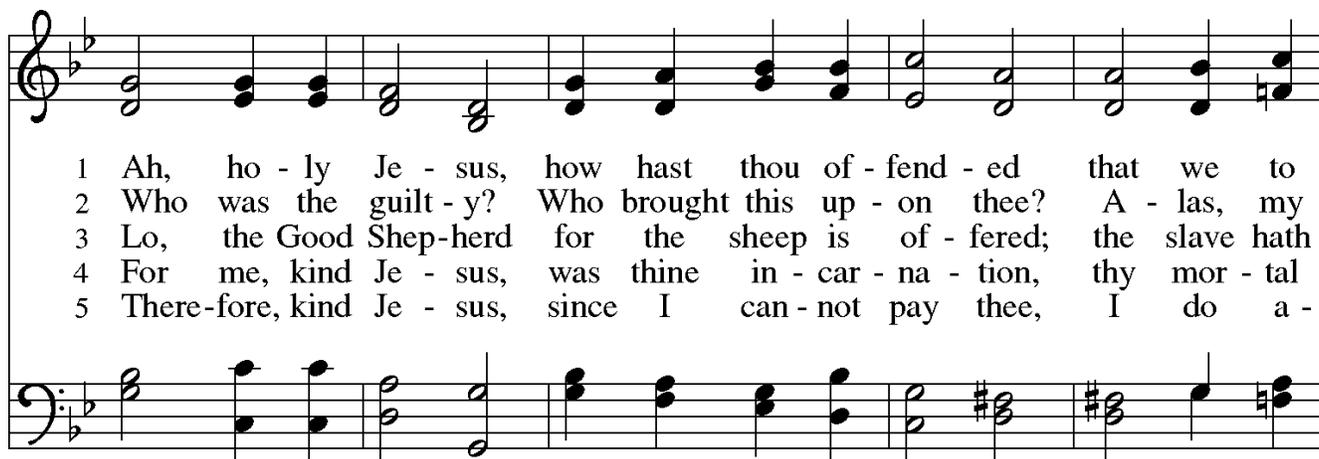
Prayer of the Day

Music *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* – Michael Larkin

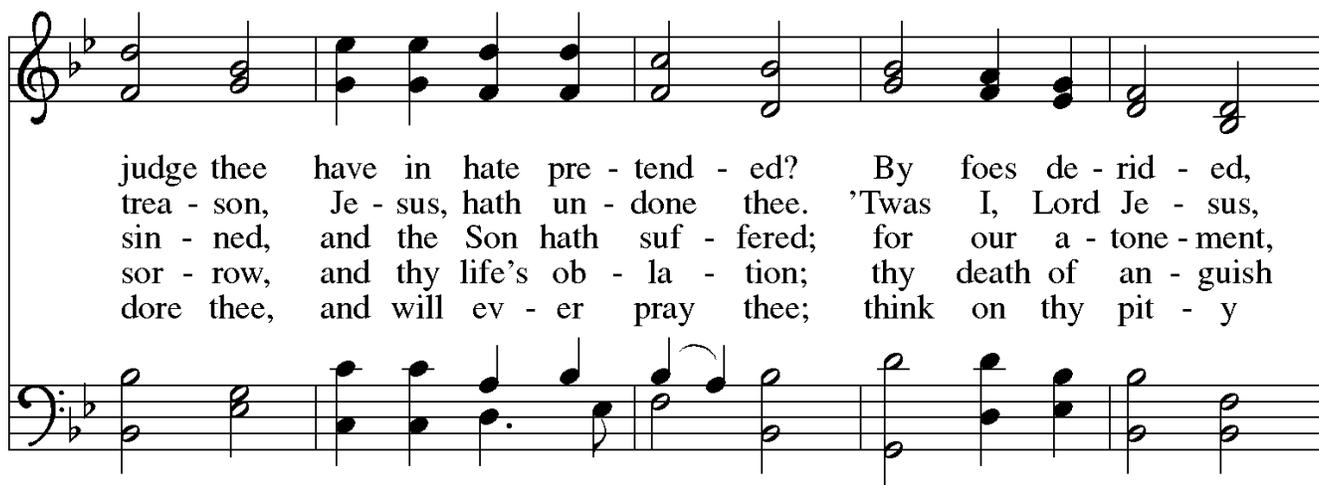
Reading Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Gospel *The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew*
(read together from booklet)

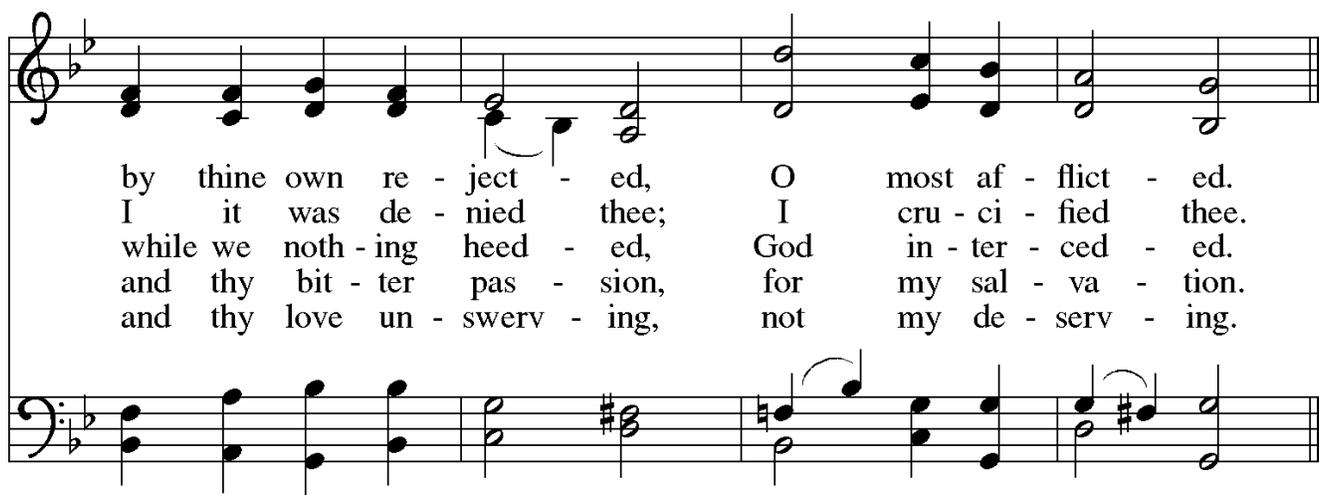
Mediation



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.

Bidding Prayer

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Lord's Prayer

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

Our Father in heaven

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Procession of the Cross

The assembly stands.

A cross is carried through the church.

The assembly face the cross as it is brought forward. The following dialogue is sung three times:



**Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung
the Savior of | the whole world.**

Oh, come, let us | worship him.

Music

Lamb of God Most Holy – arr. John Helgen

The presiding minister continues:
We glory in your cross, O Lord...
...for by your cross joy has come the world.

Sung:
We adore you, O Christ, | and we bless you.
By your holy cross,
you have re- | deemed the world.

Hymn **There in God's Garden**

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

The assembly departs in silence.

Worshippers may reverence the cross before they depart.

✚ Offerings

An offering is not collected during the Good Friday liturgy. Any offerings may be left in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship space. Offerings made in congregational envelopes will go to St. George's, Zion, and Trinity respectively.

✦ Holy Week and Easter Texts

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people.

We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbours and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

✦ Serving Today

Thank you to those who lead worship today from St. George’s Anglican, Zion United, and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

Presiders: Rev. Dr. Lorne Mitchell, Pastor Rebecca Whiting, Rev. Tanya Varner
Preacher: Pastor Rebecca Whiting
Readers: Anne Blackshaw, Suzan Deckert, Paul Ditner, Linda Lackey, Karen Hunt Mitchell, Carol Massel, Kitch Radke, Lois Smith, John Wagner
Musicians: Jamie Courtney, Amy Wewiora, choristers from St. Georges, Zion, and Trinity
Crucifer: Lily Courtney
Greeter: Marilyn Wagler
Usher: Bruce Wagler

Trinity Announcements

+ Prayer Vigil

Each year, Trinity hosts a prayer vigil from Good Friday through Holy Saturday. Individuals or families from the congregation sign up for one-hour timeslots from the conclusion of the morning Good Friday liturgy, through to the Easter Vigil service on Saturday night.

In this personal time of devotion, as folks contemplate Christ's death and resurrection, many will pray, sing, or read. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those interested; a few timeslots remain.

+ Easter Feaster Food Drive

During the season of Lent and into Holy Week, our Trinity community has been invited to pause in thanksgiving for the bounty that will be on many of our tables for our Easter dinners. In response, consider sharing with those using the Food Bank at Wilmot Family Resource Centre by donating an item or two to our "Easter Feaster" food campaign. All donations can be left in the baskets at the entrances. Monetary donations are welcomed also; simply mark an offering envelope or e-transfer as "food bank".

+ Easter Breakfast

Following Easter Sunday worship we gather for Trinity's Annual Easter Breakfast! Please use the sign-up sheet at Trinity to let us know how many might attend from your household for this potluck celebration.

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