



Good Friday: The Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
April 7, 2023, 12 pm

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

OPENING PRAYER

Minister: Blessed be our God.

People: Forever and ever. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Pew Bible, page 642 (OT)

PSALM

Psalm 22

Pew Bible, page 463 (OT)

Recited responsively

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:16–25

Pew Bible, page 198 (NT)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Throughout, the people respond

Minister: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. ... Amen.

THE ADORATION OF THE CROSS

Minister: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

People: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

HYMN

No. 156, "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Pange lingua

The congregation stands and sings

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Minister: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.
People: 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,

CONCLUDING PRAYER

The ministers depart, and an extended period of silence is kept.

MEDITATIONS UPON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

The congregation stands for all hymns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
People: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer and by night, but find no rest.
Minister: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted;a they trusted and you delivered them.
People: Do not be far from us, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
Minister: But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O our help, come quickly to our aid!

OPENING WORDS AND PRAYER

HYMN

No. 160, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Hamburg*

THE SILENCE

THE FIRST WORD (“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they are doing.”)

Lesson	Luke 23:32–38	<i>Pew Bible, page 77 (NT)</i>
Address	Courtney Godwin MDiv III	
Prayer		
Hymn	No. 150, “My Song Is Love Unknown	<i>Love Unknown</i>
The Silence		

THE SECOND WORD (“Today you will be with me in Paradise.”)

Lesson	Luke 23:39–43	<i>Pew Bible, page 77 (NT)</i>
Address	Harriet Lindemann MDiv III	
Prayer		
Hymn	No 154, “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”	<i>Cross of Jesus</i>
The Silence		

THE THIRD WORD (“Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother.”)

Lesson	John 19:23–27	<i>Pew Bible, page 99 (NT)</i>
Address	Elizabeth Propst ’23	
Prayer		
Hymn	No. 158, “Were You There?”	<i>Were You There</i>
The Silence		

THE FOURTH WORD (“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)

Lesson	Matthew 27:45–49	<i>Pew Bible, page 28 (NT)</i>
Address	Anna Burnham MDiv ’20	
Prayer		
Hymn	No. 157, “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”	<i>St. Christopher</i>
The Silence		

THE FIFTH WORD (“I am thirsty.”)

Lesson	John 19:28–29	<i>Pew Bible, page 100 (NT)</i>
Address	The Reverend Calvin T. Jones	
Prayer		
Hymn	No. 155, “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	<i>Olivet</i>
The Silence		

THE SIXTH WORD (“It is finished.”)

Lesson	John 19:30	<i>Pew Bible, page 100 (NT)</i>
Address	The Reverend Emmanuel K. Akyeampong	
Prayer		
Hymn	No. 159, “There Is a Green Hill Far Away”	<i>Horsley</i>
The Silence		

THE SEVENTH WORD (“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”)

Lesson	Luke 23:46–49	<i>Pew Bible, page 77 (NT)</i>
Address	The Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts	
Prayer		
Hymn	No. 163, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	<i>Herzlich tut mich verlangen</i>
The Silence		

COLLECTS

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HYMN

No. 151, “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Petra

CONCLUDING PRAYER

THE SILENCE

The service concludes with silence.

TODAY'S SERVICE

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