



Order of Worship Good Friday

April 2, 2021 12:00 noon

GATHERING MUSIC

Gabriel's Oboe from "The Mission"
Awaiting Resurrection

Ennio Morricone

Kevin Keil

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hans Leo Hassler

David Hauser, oboe Alice Walker, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, who redeems us from sin and death. For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

A LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Our Savior now enters the valley of the shadow of death where evil waits in savage glee.

Lord, hold your child in your arms, even as his arms, stretched wide on a cross, embrace us.

Our Savior submits now to the worst that all the powers of earth and hell can array against him.

Lord, hold your child in your arms even as his arms, stretched wide on a cross, embrace us.

Our Savior suffers by human wiles twisted in torture, yet intercedes on behalf of the good of all.

Lord, hold your child in your arms even as his arms, stretched wide on a cross, embrace us.

Though we stand at a distance, we pray with our Lord. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. We pray for all in the world who know the trauma of death's ever-stalking presence and destruction's delight in feeding upon our fear. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. We pray for all who scoff at this cross because they have been wounded by it or because they do not understand Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. We pray for ourselves, who choose to stand at a distance, afraid to enter into the full mystery of your redemptive power. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. In this trembling hour of terror, O God, grant us faith: that we may continue to trust in your presence, even when defeat and despair triumph. In this hour of dread, grant us hope: that, though our Lord is dead and buried, his spirit of compassion may remain with us. Through your grace, help us to believe: that your faithfulness will triumph even when our faith flees and darkness rules the day. This we ask through Christ; our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 220	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	REDHEAD 76
GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER		
Luke 22:39-54a		Judy Davis
Kyrie 577		
Luke 22:54b-65		Jake McCarthy
Solo	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> Jim Patrick	George Bennard
Luke 22:66-23:12		Judy Davis
Kyrie 577		
Luke 23:13-25		Jake McCarthy
Kyrie 577		
Luke 23:26-49		Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane
HYMN 228	<i>Were You There</i>	WERE YOU THERE

We invite you to exit in silence. As you leave you will be handed a nail which you may lay at the foot of the cross on the front lawn.

**Resource: PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship

We welcome to our Good Friday service David Hauser, oboist. David has a Masters Degree in Oboe Performance from Memphis State University. He is married, with three children, and has his own business in Conyers. Thank you, David, for playing so beautifully today.

We welcome to our Good Friday service Jim Patrick, soloist, who is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Covington. Jim is a faithful member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Handbell Choir. Jim's heartfelt singing adds much to our service today. Thank you, Jim, for sharing your talents with us.

