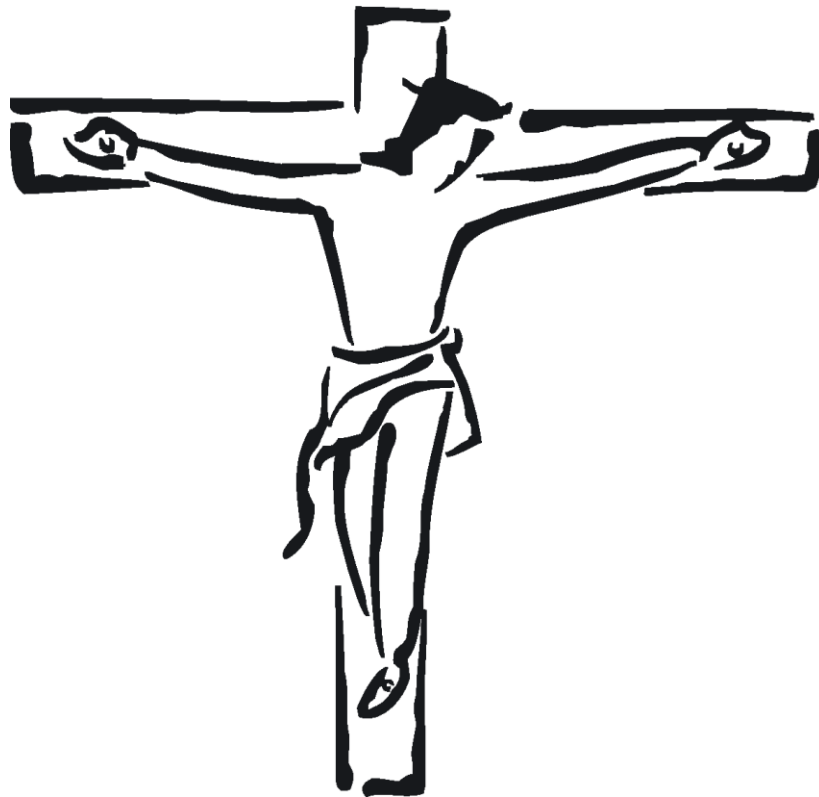


# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



April 18, 2025

# Good Friday

April 18, 2025

12:00 P.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING** *(All gather in silence.)*

PRELUDE

"Crucifixion"

Marcel Dupré

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, congregation please read **bold print.**)*

Surely he has borne our griefs  
**and carried our sorrows;**  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
**smitten by God, and afflicted.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**We stand near the cross, O God – disturbed, distraught, discouraged.  
Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this day of  
great solemnity, let us stand as witnesses to your great love for the  
world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

THE LENTEN WREATH

Never doubt the meaning of Lent. Jesus walked on this earth. He practiced a ministry of radical inclusivity, drawing to himself all the despised and rejected members of society. He lived what he taught: A life of justice, love, and profound compassion for all people. He lived a life acceptable to God. His death terrifies us because it reveals how committed the world is to its own way and the price the world exacts from those whose commitment is to you.

*(Silence.)*

As we extinguish Christ's light, we acknowledge the pain of all the children of the world who suffer in body, in mind, or in spirit.

*(The Christ candle is extinguished.)*

Let us pray:

**What we contemplate this day is beyond words, beyond understanding.  
May the Holy Spirit intercede for us and give voice to what is  
inexpressible. Amen.**

READING ONE: The Shadow of the Lonely Vigil – Matthew 26:36-46

SILENCE

TAIZE REPONSE: HYMN 204

"Stay with Me"

STAY WITH ME

**Stay with me, remain here with me,  
Watch and pray, watch and pray.**

READING TWO: The Shadow of Betrayal – Matthew 26:47-56

SILENCE

TAIZE RESPONSE: HYMN 417 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

SOUTHWELL

**Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
From earth-born passion, set me free, and make me pure within.**

READING THREE: The Shadow of Denial – Matthew 26:57-75

SILENCE

RESPONSE: HYMN 218

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

READING FOUR: The Shadow of a Mock Trial – Matthew 27:1-26

SILENCE

CHORAL ANTHEM WITH CONGREGATION

"May We Have the Mind of Christ"

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are "May we have the mind of Christ, who". The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics are "emp - tied him - self, o - be - di - ent to death, e - ven". The third staff has two first endings. The first ending starts with a first ending bracket and contains quarter notes: G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. The lyrics are "death up - on a cross.". The second ending starts with a second ending bracket, contains a double bar line, a 2/4 time signature, quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, and ends with a 4/4 time signature and a whole note: G1. The lyrics are "death up - on a cross.".

READING FIVE: The Shadow of the Crucifixion – Matthew 27:27-42

SILENCE

RESPONSE: HYMN 207 (Refrain Only)

Reader: Is any sorrow like the sorrow that afflicts me?

Choir Sings:

REFRAIN   
Shad - ows length - en in - to night.

Reader: Women of Jerusalem! Do not weep for me,  
But for yourselves and your children.

**All Sing: Refrain**

Reader: Father, forgive them! They know not what they do.

**All Sing: Refrain**

Reader: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**All Sing: Refrain**

Reader: Today you will be with me in paradise.

**All Sing: Refrain**

Reader: I am thirsty.

**All Sing: Refrain**

Reader: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

**All Sing: Refrain**

READING SIX: The Shadow of Agony – John 19:25-30

SILENCE

RESPONSE: HYMN 221

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

READING SEVEN: The Shadow of the Death – Matthew 27:51-54

SILENCE

THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*(All depart in silence.)*

*Please maintain silence until you exit the building.*

*Service continues on Easter Day with the worship at 10:30 a.m.)*