

*When you leave today, please remain silent
until you have exited the building. Thank you.*

Greeting

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Reproaches

O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for you Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave you, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sister. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Scripture Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hymn UMH 288 *Were You There?*
Sermon I will meet you in death

...and then He died...



First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur

April 3, 2026 7 pm

**Good Friday Service
Pastor Ben Lalka**