

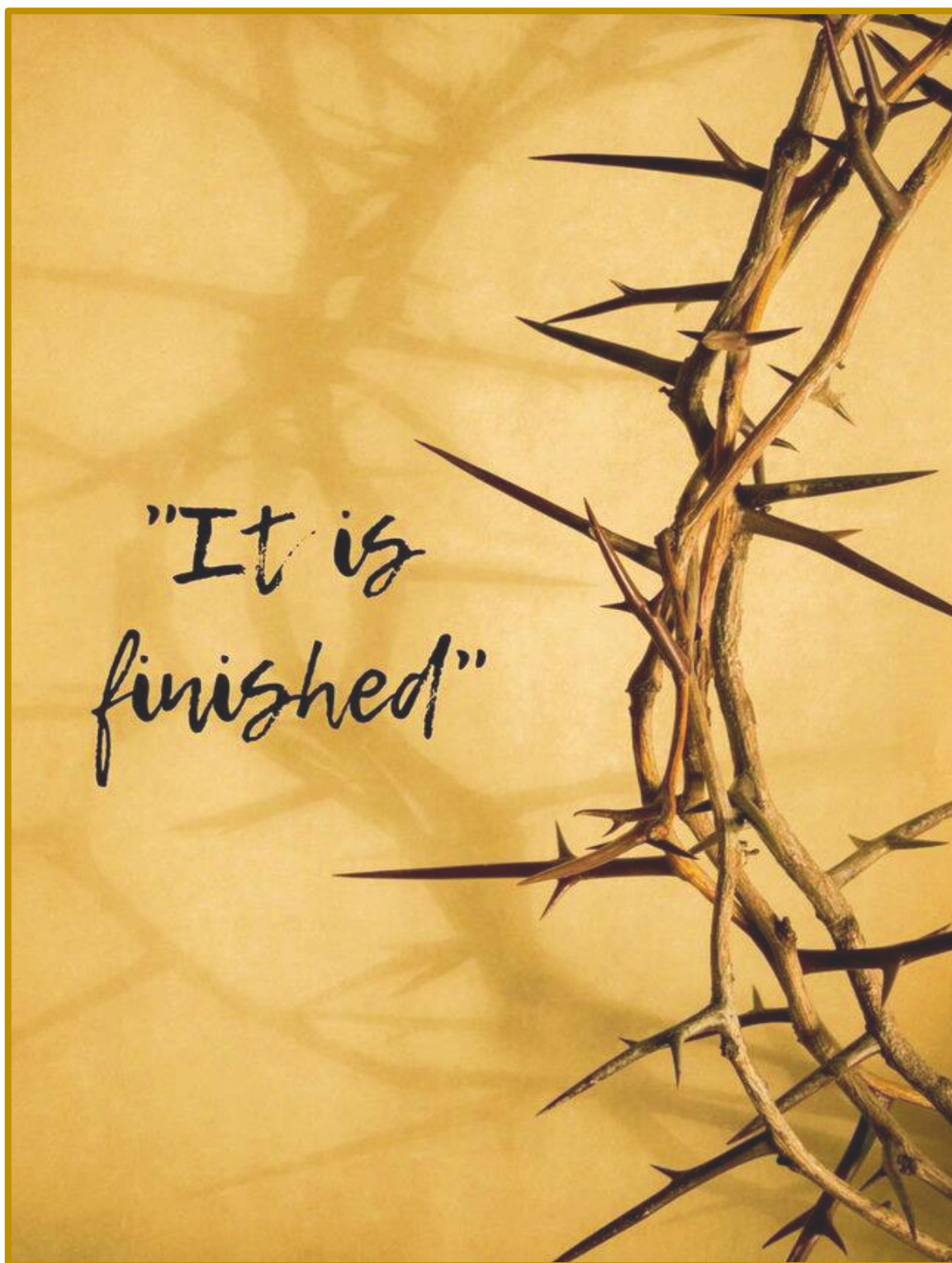
# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 3, 2026

12:00 pm

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## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
LPC Handbell Choir

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

**People: Yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.**

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

**People: upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.**

Leader: On this day, we gather at the foot of the cross.

**People: We come not to explain what has been done here,**

Leader: nor to turn away from what we would rather not see.

**People: We come to hear again the truth that judges and restores us.**

Leader: We come as those who are bound up in this story,

**People: as those who have turned away, denied, and betrayed,**

Leader: as those for whom this suffering has been borne.

**People: We stand without distance between ourselves and this moment.**

Leader: There is no refuge here in comparison or excuse.

**People: There is no comfort here in what we have done or left undone.**

Leader: Here, we face the cost of our sin.

**People: Here, we behold the depth of God's love.**

Leader: Let every false word fall silent.

**People: Let every easy answer be set aside.**

Leader: Let us remain, attentive and honest, before the cross of Christ.

**People: Let us keep watch with him in his suffering.**

Leader: For this is the day when love is poured out in weakness,

**People: when mercy is given without measure,**

Leader: when the Son of God is lifted up for the life of the world.

**People: and the world is reconciled to God through him.**

Leader: Therefore, let us attend to the story of his Passion.

**People: Let us behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**

### **PRELUDE**

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Laura Young, Soloist

## THE PASSION TOLD IN SHADOW AND RESPONSE

(The Congregation is invited to sing on bolded verses of the Hymns.)

### LESSON I – THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Reading Matthew 26:20-26

Response - *Ah, Holy Jesus*  
Greyson Wiley, Soloist

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.**

### LESSON II – THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT AND ARREST

Reading Matthew 26:36-50

Response - *Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
Noah Cummings, Soloist

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see;  
watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

**Follow to the judgment hall;  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

### LESSON III – THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Reading Matthew 26:69-75

Response - *What Wondrous Love Is This*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

#### **LESSON IV – THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION**

Reading Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Response - *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
LPC Chancel Choir

#### **LESSON V – THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION**

Reading Matthew 27:31-43

Response - *Blessed Redeemer*  
LPC Chancel Choir  
Janet Jefferson, Soloist

#### **LESSON VI – THE SHADOW OF DEATH**

Reading Matthew 27:45-54

Response When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Dottie Pitts, Soloist

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

#### **LESSON VII – THE SHADOW OF BURIAL**

Reading Matthew 27:57-60

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

Response - *Were You There?*  
Carolyn Williamson, Soloist

#### **CONCLUSION**

Leader: (quietly)  
Jesus said, "It is finished."

The congregation departs in silence.

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