



APRIL 3, 2026
GOOD FRIDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Antonio Ciseri, *Ecce Homo*, 1871, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Palazzo Pitti, Florence.

Prelude: *Were You There at Gethsemane?* Krug

This arrangement reflects on "Were You There?" and "Go to Dark Gethsemane," using pensive melodies and discordant harmonies to evoke the somber journey of Good Friday.

+ Call to Worship

One: Here we are.

Many: We have arrived at least this far.

One: There is a longing and a fear.

Many: Full arrival to his moments make them our own.

One: We are here to attune our spirits.

Many: We are here to practice our longing to arrive.

One: Let us worship the God of this intense Good Friday. Amen.

+ Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of all intensity and grace, we confess we can fear what it means to move through our experiences and arrive to one another. Moving through the trials of judgment in our mind, requires self-reflection. Moving through crowds which misunderstand our purpose, requires a strong sense of self. Managing our power in community decisions can find us bearing down or hanging back. How we long to arrive. So much is required for arrival. His trial and suffering humble our past efforts and embolden our future navigations. May we be fully present for God in Christ. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 22:14-17 (pew Bible NT pg.260)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *All For Love* Young

Jesu, Jesu, born to die upon the tree; Jesu, born to set us free. Blessed be that maid Marie; born He was of her body, very God ere time began, born in time the Son of Man. He at Bethlehem was born, Salem gave Him crown of thorn, life of want and death of scorn all for love, love of man forlorn. Blessed Jesu.

**+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.**

+ Gospel Reading: John 18:28-19:22 (pew Bible NT pg.112)

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. | **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Alpha and Omega – Wanting to Arrive

Leslie King, D. Min

+ Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe in beginnings that are endings and endings that are beginnings. Whether reading or relating, awareness begins, and previous paradigms perish.

Many: Amen

One: Jesus' growth model cycles us through beginnings and endings. We arrive as we are, yet cannot help being affected. We respond into beginnings and endings, and the butterfly effect ripples out to our community.

Many: Amen

One: Scripture and sacrament anchor us like roots as our Creator God draws us forward to stretch. Gaining and losing are real. The Spirit comforts us in our beginnings and endings.

Many: Amen

+ Hymn #228

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

The congregation is invited to depart in silence.

This evening's service remembers the voice of the crowd. May we find courage to be brave and do the next right thing in God's providence.

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