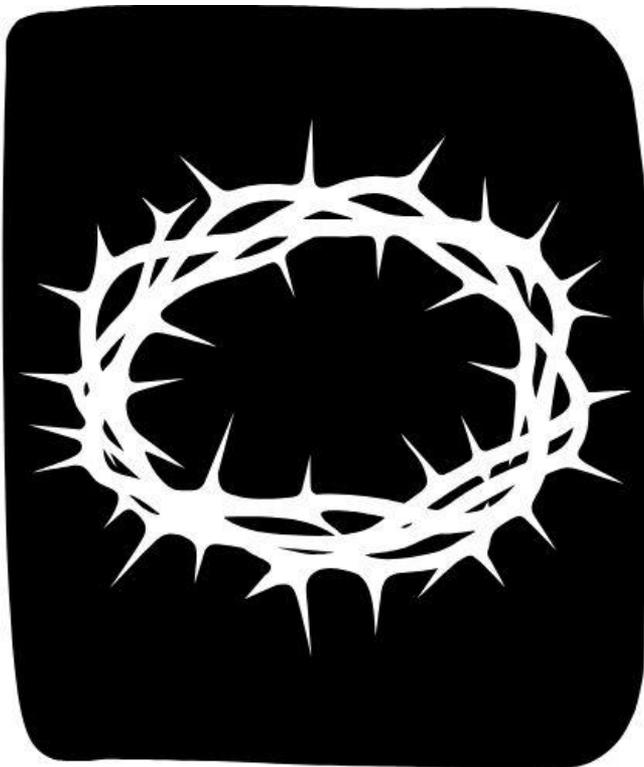


**Good Friday**

**April 3, 2026**



*Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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*“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love...”*

(Joel 2:13)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Prayground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

# **We Gather, Hear, and Respond to God's Word**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together...**Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

...Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 10:16-25

...Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## **HYMN**

ELW Hymn #336

“Lamb of God”

## **THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN**

John 18:1—19:42

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW Hymn #353

“Were You There”

## **We Pray for the World**

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*By ancient usage this series of specific intercessions, called the “Bidding Prayer,” was specially appointed for Good Friday. A short pause of silence should be observed between each prayer.*

Let us pray for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Pedro our Bishops, for Kurt our Minister, for Peter our Cantor, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, deacons, ministers, cantors, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

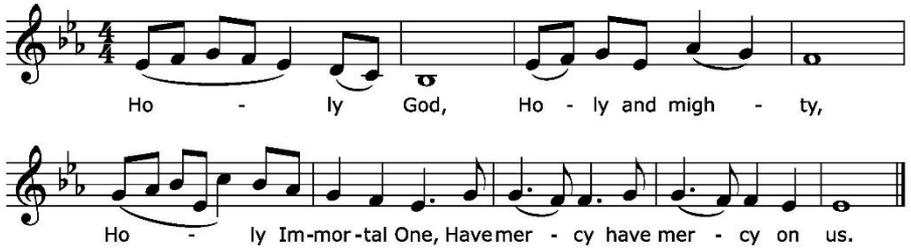
Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

# We Contemplate the Cross of Christ

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## THE SOLEMN REPROACHES



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and migh - ty,  
Ho - ly Im-mor-tal One, Havemer - cy have mer - cy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Refrain**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*The worship concludes with a meditative period of silence, after which you are invited to depart in contemplation of our Lord's Passion.*

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*Psalm, continued*

**<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name <sup>1</sup> to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly  
<sup>1</sup> I will praise you.**

**<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup> line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD,  
all you off- <sup>1</sup> spring of Israel.**

**<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face  
hid- <sup>1</sup> den from them;  
but when they cry out,  
<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.**

**<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise  
in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the sight of those  
who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.**

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup> and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the LORD  
give praise!**

**May your hearts <sup>1</sup> live forever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations  
shall bow <sup>1</sup> before God.**

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations.**

**<sup>29</sup>Indeed all who sleep in the earth  
shall bow <sup>1</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust,  
though they be dead,  
shall kneel be- <sup>1</sup> fore the LORD.**

**<sup>30</sup>Their descendants  
shall <sup>1</sup> serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim  
to genera- <sup>1</sup> tions to come.**

**<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance  
to a people <sup>1</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them,  
"The <sup>1</sup> LORD has acted!"**

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## Second Reading

## Hebrews 10:16-25

[After the Holy Spirit says,]

"This is the covenant that I will make  
with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup>and he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their  
lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there  
is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
since we have confidence to enter the sanc-  
tuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and

living way that he opened for us through  
the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and  
since we have a great priest over the house  
of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart  
in full assurance of faith, with our hearts  
sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and  
our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let  
us hold fast to the confession of our hope  
without wavering, for he who has promised  
is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to pro-  
voke one another to love and good deeds,  
<sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the  
habit of some, but encouraging one an-  
other, and all the more as you see the Day  
approaching.

*or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 [not printed]*

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## Gospel

## John 18:1—19:42 [not printed]

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