



Holy Week

April 3, 2026 + Good Friday

On Good Friday we contemplate God not in light but in darkness,
we contemplate God not in happiness but in suffering.
On Good Friday we contemplate God not in his abiding presence but in his desolating absence.
On Good Friday, we contemplate God not in his thunderous voice, but in his silence.
~Noel E. Bordador

Crossing the Threshold

Stilling Ourselves

*From the busy-ness of our lives
we have come here on a day that is different.
In the midst of the world
which holds the promise of spring and new life,
we have come to share a story of torture and execution.
Come and hear the tale,
come and share the tragedy,
come and embrace the darkness.*

Reading 1

Mark 15:15-20

Sonnet – Jesus Falls for the First Time

Malcolm Guite

Interlude

Reading 2

Luke 23: 26-31

Sonnet – Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Malcolm Guite

Interlude

Sonnet – Jesus is Stripped of his Garments

Malcolm Guite

Reading 3

Mark 15:22-25

Sonnet – Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Malcolm Guite

Interlude

Reading 4

Mark 27:46-50

Interlude

Benediction

*The story has been told,
and now we return to the world where we live and wait.*

The worship is over?

*No, the worship continues while we wait and watch.
Our worship will continue long after the stone has been removed
and the flame of hope has been re-lit.*

*So we go out to wait,
we watch for the hope that defies despair,
the life that defies death,
the beginning that defies the end.*

While we wait,
while darkness covers the land of faith,
remember that no matter how abandoned we may feel
we are not alone.

*God has not and will not abandon us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Copies of the Sonnets read in worship, and information about the poet Malcolm Guite will be available outside the chapel after the service.



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