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Ann Arbor

Sowing **truth**. Building **faith**. Shining **love**.

- Good Friday -

**DYING**  
HIS DEATH  
**LIVING**  
HIS LIFE



**Welcome to Worship**

April 3, 2026

**12:30 PM, Downtown Campus**



Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 2026 (12:30 PM)

One church  
with two  
locations:

**Downtown Campus**  
420 W. Liberty St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Worship:  
Saturdays @ 6:30 PM  
Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Discipleship Hour:  
Sundays @ 9:45 AM

**Earhart Campus**  
495 Earhart Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:  
Sundays @ 10:45 AM

Discipleship Hour:  
Sundays @ 9:45 AM



## Welcome to our guests!

We're glad you're here! We ask that you fill out your name and an email or phone number in the black folder at the end of the row so we can connect with you. One of St. Paul's core values is unity so we'd like to help you get connected. On the back page of this worship folder, you'll find groups and events that are for you. May God bless you today!

## If you have children

We welcome and encourage all children (yes, babies too!) to worship the Lord at St. Paul. If your child becomes restless during the service, don't worry! We get it. If you'd like to use it, there is a cry room available at the rear of the church and a nursery located below the main worship entrance. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at each worship entrance. The hospitality team will be happy to assist you.

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## Holy Week ✠ Easter Service Schedule

**Good Friday Tenebrae** . . . . . Friday, April 3 (6:30pm— Downtown)

**Vigil of Easter**<sup>†</sup> . . . . . Saturday, April 4 (6:30pm— Downtown)

**Easter Sunrise Service**<sup>†</sup> . . . . . Sunday, April 5 (7:00am— Downtown)

**Easter Festival Service**<sup>†</sup> . . . . . Sunday, April 5 (9:00am— Downtown)


**Easter Festival Service**<sup>†</sup> . . . . . Sunday, April 5 (11:00am— School)

<sup>†</sup>Holy Communion offered

✠ We gather in silence, reflecting on the Lord's Passion ✠

HYMN

"Were You There"

 (LSB# 456)



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY..... ✠ Isaiah 53:1-6

P: <sup>1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (ESV)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:14–21)

- P: Today we gather at the foot of the cross, where Jesus, the Lamb of God, offered Himself as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.
- C: **“In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them.”**
- P: Jesus died for all, so that from now on we would no longer live for ourselves, but for Him who died for us.
- C: **“The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all.”**
- P: In humble repentance, we acknowledge that it was our sins that brought our Lord to the cross. The sinless Son of God bore our sins in His body on the tree of the cross.
- C: **“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Collect*

- P: Almighty God, out of Your great mercy and love for the world, You sent Your Son to be our Savior. We have followed His path through this season of Lent, and now we stand and watch with the sight of faith as our Lord is crucified. On this holy day, we remember that through His redeeming death and triumphant resurrection, we receive forgiveness and eternal life. Help us to live for Him who was crucified for us, giving ourselves in service to Him through serving others. Hear our prayer, and accept our praise in Jesus' name.
- C: **Amen.**



# The Passion of Our Lord

## GOOD FRIDAY LAMENT

(Lamentations 1:12)

- P: "Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by?  
C: **Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow."**

## HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"



(LSB# 440)

I Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

**PART I** ..... ☒ Matthew 27:11- 26 (NIV)

P: They bound Jesus, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate the governor. Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Do not have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask the governor for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

**C: "Barabbas! Give us Barabbas!"**

P: "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked.

**C: "Crucify him!"**

P: "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder.

**C: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

P: When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

**C: "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"**

P: Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

**RESPONSE****“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken?”**

(LSB# 439)

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
 That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
 Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
 fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?

**PART II**..... ✕ Matthew 27:27-44 (NIV)

**P:** Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him.

**C:** **“Hail, king of the Jews!”**

**P:** They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads:

**C:** **“You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”**

**P:** In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.

**C:** **“He saved others, but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**

**P:** In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

**RESPONSE**

**"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"**

(LSB# 439)

2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;  
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -  
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.

**PART III**..... ✠ Matthew 27:45-54; Luke 23:44-46 (NIV)

**P:** From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of those standing there heard this:

**C:** "He is calling Elijah."

**P:** Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said,

**C:** "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

**P:** It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." And he breathed his last. ✠

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified.

**C:** "Surely he was the Son of God!"





# The Prayers We Bring to God

P: Lord Jesus, we stand together at the foot of Your cross to give thanks to You for Your willing sacrifice for us. You suffered the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins. Through faith in Your name, we receive Your healing forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. Jesus, Lamb of God,

**C: By your wounds, we are healed.**

P: Lord Jesus, for us You were crowned with thorns. Your hands and feet were pierced by nails and Your side by a spear. You shed Your blood to wash our sins. Lord, we offer to You our grateful praise, now and for all eternity. Jesus, Lamb of God,

**C: By your wounds, we are healed.**

P: Lord Jesus, You cried out from the cross, "It is finished," and bowed Your head and died, committing Your spirit into Your Father's hands. Your redeeming work was done, our salvation accomplished. Jesus, Lamb of God,

**C: By your wounds, we are healed.**

P: Lord Jesus, You died for all. You gave yourself for us, and now we live for You. Help us in the power of the Holy Spirit to give ourselves in service to You by serving others in Your name. Lead us to be bold witnesses for You so that others will come to know and worship You as Savior and Lord. Jesus, Lamb of God,

**C: By your wounds, we are healed.**

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**C: Have mercy upon us.**

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**C: Have mercy upon us.**

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**C: Grant us Your peace.**



## SOLEMN REPROACHES

The Solemn Reproaches are an ancient litany of Western Christendom dating to the 9<sup>th</sup> century. They were used at the ending of a Good Friday service. The reproaches follow the pattern of Psalm 78, which rehearses God's continuing acts of faithfulness and Israel's repeated rebellion. Each reproach follows a similar pattern, calling to mind God's saving acts, and concluding with the same words: "but you have prepared a cross for your Savior."

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. ❖

❖ C: Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im -  
mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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. ❖

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.  
I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear;  
I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. ❖

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.  
I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death  
and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. ❖

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. ❖

—arr. Mark Mummert  
(b. 1965)

## PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## IT IS FINISHED

(from Psalm 22)

- P: "Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
C: **They shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it."**

## HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



(LSB# 451)



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ The congregation leaves in silence ✠



## ***Our Worship Servants***

**Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins  
**Preacher:** Rev. Aaron Roggow  
**Director of Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg  
**Family Worship Team:** Phil Klintworth  
**Elder:** Adan Garcia

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2025-2026 SPAA Attendance and Offering						
Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget	Bud. Var.	Prior Year	PY Var.
July	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 103,200	\$ (17,639)	\$ 95,048	\$ (9,487)
August	292	\$ 92,582	\$ 129,100	\$ (36,518)	\$ 87,623	\$ 4,960
September	364	\$ 108,717	\$ 106,200	\$ 2,517	\$ 98,203	\$ 10,514
October	347	\$ 112,763	\$ 106,200	\$ 6,563	\$ 140,243	\$ (27,480)
November	311	\$ 135,822	\$ 132,800	\$ 3,022	\$ 106,819	\$ 29,004
December	291	\$ 163,097	\$ 123,200	\$ 39,897	\$ 157,855	\$ 5,242
January	306	\$ 91,986	\$ 106,200	\$ (14,214)	\$ 107,378	\$ (15,392)
February	350	\$ 128,052	\$ 107,400	\$ 20,652	\$ 87,936	\$ 40,116
March	-	\$ -	\$ 135,200	\$ -	\$ 118,139	\$ -
April	-	\$ -	\$ 114,900	\$ -	\$ 95,801	\$ -
May	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800	\$ -	\$ 112,259	\$ -
June	-	\$ -	\$ 104,800	\$ -	\$ 122,082	\$ -
YTD	317	\$ 918,580	\$ 1,402,000	\$ 4,280	\$ 1,329,384	\$ 37,477