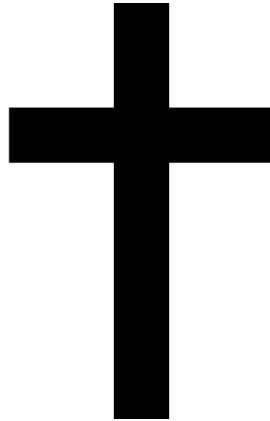


April 7, 2023
Good Friday
Worship Service
7:30 PM

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Good Friday

Please silence cell phones before worship begins. Thank you.

Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to Reformation on this most solemn and holy night. We are especially blessed by the presence of visitors. Due to the reverent silence at the beginning and end of the service, the pastors may not be able to personally welcome guests, but please know that we are glad you have come this night, and we pray that you will be drawn more deeply into the mystery of Christ's unending love for you.

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All gather in silence.

Procession of the Cross

P: Behold the life-giving Cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

C: **Oh come, let us worship him.**

Repeated three times as the processional crucifix is brought forward.

Hymn

"Were You There"

No. 353

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you, both now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

At the conclusion of the reading, the congregation responds:

Thanks be to God.

The Seven Last Words

A candle is extinguished after each reflection, symbolizing the dying of the Light of the World. Silence is kept after each reflection.

Luke 23:32-34a

Pastor Dianna Smith

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:35-43

Pastor Paige Evers

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

John 19:25b–27

Pastor Judy Moller-Gavlick

“Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

No. 351

Matthew 27:45-46

Pastor John Ranney

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

John 19:28-29

Pastor Stacy Marsh

“I thirst.”

John 19:30

Pastor Eric Evers

“It is finished.”

Special Music

“Within the Shadow of the Cross”

Choir

Luke 23:44-46

Pastor Eric Evers

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

No. 349

The Closing Versicles

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless your sacred Name.

C: **By your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

*All are invited to remain for personal prayer and reflection.
There is no benediction, as our worship continues at the Service
of Light Saturday evening (7:00) and does not conclude until
Easter morning.*

We depart in reverent silence.

SERVING THIS EVENING

Usher	Ron Semmont
Lay Reader	John Leach
Live Steam Operator	Kristin Schlegel

HOLY WEEK AT REFORMATION

April 8: Easter Vigil

Service of Light at 7:00 pm

April 9: Easter Sunday

Worship Service at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Coffee Fellowship at 9:45 am