



# Good Friday

Noon, April 18, 2025  
Shelby Presbyterian Church  
Seven Last Words of Christ:  
A Meditation on the Cross  
Through Music and Scripture

PLEASE ENTER IN SILENCE

PRAYERS OF INVOCATION AND ILLUMINATION:	Drew Mangione
OPENING READING: Luke 22:54 to Luke 23:1	June Hobbs
CHIME:	Sue Breen
CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION:	June Hobbs

On this Good Friday, we contemplate the good news of the cross:  
Christ the Lord, our grace, stretched out his arms to embrace a world suffering in bondage to sin and death.  
Christ, the Lord of Life, stretched out his arms to rescue us and free us from the powers of this world.  
Let us then turn to the outstretched arms of our Lord and be truthful to confess our sin.

**We have not loved and embraced others, as our Lord our God loves and embraces us. We have too often given ourselves over to the powers of this world, losing sight of the Lord of life and justice. Forgive us Lord.**

Confessing our sin before God and neighbor, let us also be truthful to confess our hope. (silence)

Come and see the beloved Son of God.	<b>He is high and lifted up.</b>
Come and see the Ruler of the nations.	<b>He is high and lifted up.</b>
Come and see the Savior of the world.	<b>He is high and lifted up – upon a cross.</b>

SCRIPTURE:	Luke 23:32-34	Carol Ann Hoard
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"</i> (arr. Page)	Emily Monroe
SCRIPTURE:	Luke 23:39-43	June Hobbs
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"Above the Hills of Time, The Cross is Gleaning"</i> (Tiplady)	Charles Langley & Bruce Moser
SCRIPTURE:	John 19:26-27	Carol Ann Hoard
HYMN #210:	<i>"Wondrous Love"</i> vs 1, 2	
SCRIPTURE:	Mark 15:33-34	Drew Mangione
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees"</i> (Idle/Larson)	Mary Conner, Lyn Huston, & Sherry Thomas
SCRIPTURE:	John 19:28	June Hobbs
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>"Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands"</i> (Bach)	Carolyn Billings

SCRIPTURE: John 19:29-30 Carol Ann Hoard

HYMN #228: "Were You There" vs 1, 2

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:45-46 June Hobbs

HYMN #228: "Were You There" vs 3, 5

MEDITATION: "Why Did God Die?" Drew Mangione  
(The Great Catechism, 32:1-3, Gregory of Nyssa, translated by Cyril Richardson)

CHIME: Sue Breen

HYMN #223: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY (Response: The Trisagion) Carol Ann Hoard

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world. (3X)**

CHIME: Sue Breen

CLOSING READING: Luke 23:48-56 Drew Mangione

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

SPECIAL MUSIC: "In the Night" (Part I) (Peterson) Bruce Moser

DEPART SOLEMNLY AND SILENTLY



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**"In the Night" (Andrew Peterson, 2010, arr. Moser)**

This first part takes us from Good Friday through Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday, when it will open the service.

*I am weary with the pain of Jacob's wrestling  
 In the darkness with the fear,  
 in the darkness with the fear.  
 But he met the morning wounded with a blessing  
 So, in the night, my hope lives on*

*And when Elisha woke surrounded by the forces  
 Of the enemies of God, the enemies of God  
 He saw the hills aflame with angels on their horses  
 So in the night, my hope lives on*

Chorus: *O in the night, O in the night  
 O in the night, my hope lives on*

*I see the slave that toils beneath the yoke unyielding  
 And I can hear the captive groan,  
 hear the captive groan,  
 For some hand to stay the whip his foe is wielding  
 Still in the night, my hope lives on*

*I see the armies of the enemy approaching  
 And the people driven, trembling, to the shore  
 But a doorway through the waters now is opening  
 So, in the night, my hope lives on*

Chorus: *O in the night, O in the night  
 O in the night, my hope lives on*

*Well I remember how they scorned the son of Mary  
 He was gentle as a lamb, gentle as a lamb  
 He was beaten, He was crucified, and buried  
 And in the night, my hope is gone*

*O in the night,  
 O in the night  
 O in the night,  
 My hope is gone*