



THE PASSION
OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST



TWIN
OAKS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Worshiping God, the Sacrificial Lamb

APRIL 3, 2026
7:00 PM

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PRELUDE *The Lamb of God* arr. Jeffrey Heyl
Orchestra

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Congregation

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Sing, my tongue the glo - rious — bat - tle, sing the end - ing
 Thus, with thir - ty years a - com - plished, went He forth from
 Faith - ful cross, thou sign of — tri - umph, now for us the
 Un - to God be praise and — glo - ry: to the Fa - ther

of the — fray; now a - bove the cross, the —
 Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - ca - ted,
 no - blest — tree, none in fo - liage, none in —
 and the — Son, to th'e - ter - nal Spi - rit —

tro - phy, sound the loud tri - um - phant — lay;
 wil - ling, wrought his work, and met - His death.
 blos - som, none in and fruit thy er - peer may be. —
 ho - nor now and ev - er more be — done;

tell how Christ, the world's Re - deem - er,
 Like a lamb he hum - bly - yield - ed
 sym - bol of the world's in - demp - tion,
 praise and Glo - ry in the high - est,

as on a vic - tim won - dy the — day.
 for while the the un - cross his hung - ing on — breath.
 while the un - weight end - ing that ing a - ges — thee! run.

Words: Fortunatus, 6th Century; Music: FRENCH CAROL

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Philippians 2:9-11

God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***JESUS READY STANDS TO SAVE YOU NO. 472** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched*

Congregation

***CONFESSION OF SIN** Psalm 51

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

People: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

People: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

People: For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

People: Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

***GRACE THAT EXCEEDS OUR SIN AND OUR GUILT**

No. 465 *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

Matthew 26:31-75 & Matthew 27

Matthew 26:31-39

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³ Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

LOVE THAT CHOOSES CALVARY *Jesus in the Garden* Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir

Matthew 26:40-56

⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

***THOU LAMB OF CALVARY NO. 528** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Congregation

Matthew 26:57-75

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?” They answered,

Men: “He deserves death.”

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying,

Men: “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Congregation: “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

***PLENTEOUS GRACE WITH THEE IS FOUND NO. 508** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*
Congregation

Matthew 27:1-26

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said,

Men: “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Men: “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.”

⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

Congregation: “Barabbas.”

²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said,

Congregation: “Let him be crucified!”

²³ And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered,

Congregation: “His blood be on us and on our children!”

²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

THE LORD OF HOSTS WAS LIFTED UP TO DIE *Crucify Him!* Russell St. John & Jeffrey Heyl
Sanctuary Choir

Matthew 27:27-44

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

Men: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying,

Congregation: "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

Men: ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

LOVE BEYOND DEGREE *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* Bob Kauflin & Isaac Watts
Ellie McGinty, soloist

Matthew 27:45-66

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

Congregation: “This man is calling Elijah.”

⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said,

Congregation: “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

Men: “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said,

Men: “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”

⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

***IN THE CROSS, BE MY GLORY EVER NO. 264** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*
Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 53

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

***BENEDICTION**

To Christ, our Lord, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Please leave the Sanctuary in silence.

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VOCALIST

Deborah Roby, Catherine St. John

NARRATORS

Narrator: Bill Myers, *Pastor of Congregational Care*

Jesus: Josiah Kaniarz

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Judas: Lake McGinty

False Witnesses: Warren Barnes

High Priest: Will Barker

Chief Priests and Elders: Men of the Congregation

Servant Girl: Julia Wicks

Another Servant Girl: Megan Wicks

The Crowd: Congregation

Pilate: Tanner Smith

Pilate's Wife: Rachel De Groot

Soldiers: Men of the Congregation

It's Friday ... but Sunday's Coming!

Please join us for worship on Easter Sunday, April 5th

6:30 AM Sunrise Service - Front Steps (if inclement weather, Fellowship Hall)

10:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

