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Good Friday
April 3, 2026

Prologue *Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14 (p. 782)*
Rev. Jim Plunk

Invocation

***Hymn of Adoration** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded #247*

The First Reading Jodi Plunk
Matthew 27:15-23 (p. 783)

***Hymn of Response** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross #264*

The Second Reading Elizabeth Emerson
Matthew 27:24-31 (p. 783)

***Hymn of Response** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus #251*

The Third Reading Sadie Starnes
Matthew 27:32-44 (p. 783)

***Hymn of Response** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #252*

The Fourth Reading Jack Tingle
Matthew 27:45-50 (p. 783)

Meditation Rev. Jim Plunk

Hymn *Trisagion*

(Holy God, Holy and Mighty
Holy, Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us) 2x
Have mercy, have mercy on us

The Fifth Reading David Scott
Matthew 27:51-56 (p. 784)

***Closing Hymn** *There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood #253 v. 1, 2, 3, 5*

The Sixth Reading Rev. Jim Plunk
Matthew 27:57-66 (p. 784)

Reflection and Preparation

Good Friday is the Friday of Holy Week, the day of the crucifixion of Christ where on the cross he pays for our sins. He dies the death we should have died even though he lived the life we should have lived; one of pure innocence and obedience to his Father. Christians have observed Good Friday for centuries as a vivid reminder of Christ's sacrifice for sins as the center of all human history and all our lives.

For Our Reflection and Meditation on Saturday:

“Every year, on Great Saturday... we wait for the Easter night and the fullness of Paschal joy. We know that they are approaching—and yet, how slow is this approach, how long is this day! But it is not the wonderful quiet of Great Saturday the symbol of our very life in this world? Are we not always in this ‘middle day,’ waiting for the Pascha of Christ, preparing ourselves for the day without evening of His Kingdom?” *Alexander Schmemmann*

On the seventh day God rested in the darkness of the tomb; Having finished on the sixth day all his work of joy and doom. Now the word had fallen silent, and the water had run dry, the bread had all been scattered, and the light had left the sky. The flock had lost its shepherd, and the seed was sadly sown, the courtiers had betrayed their king, and nailed him to his throne. O Sabbath rest by Calvary, O calm of tomb below, where the grave clothes and the spices cradle him we did not know! Rest you well, beloved Jesus, Caesar's Lord and Israel's King, in the brooding of the Spirit, in the darkness of the spring. *Tom Wright.*