

### Unison Prayer

Out of ignorance they treated You like a criminal, O Lord. With disregard they stole Your clothes and gambled them away. Perhaps some began to understand Your great power and design to give Yourself for all of us. Even now, it is hard to comprehend. Did Pilate know when he allowed the sign to remain, King of the Jews, that Your reign had come to Earth? O God, our God, forgive us when we treat You less than You deserve, when we treat others as anything less than Your beloved children. Forgive us when we disregard or ignore You. Help us to understand Your great power and will in the world. And please God...remember us.

### Taizé Chorus

Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom. (3x)

### Scripture/Reflection

John 19:25b-42

### Moment of Silence

Please follow the choir out silently as they remove the items from the altar.

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*We invite you to celebrate Easter with us on April 5  
at either our 6:00 am service or 10:30 am service.*



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# Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

April 3, 2026, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Taizé

**Prelude** "Hymns of the Cross" arr Phillip Keveren

**Welcome**

**\*Call To Worship**

Leader: Followers of Jesus, today we arrive at Pilate's palace, hearing the cries of "Crucify! Crucify" from the crowds outside.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, sentenced to death by religious leaders, government officials, and the crowd.**

Leader: Today, we arrive at Golgotha, at the foot of the cross where only a few of Jesus' followers dared to gather to bear witness.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, crucified for teaching love, speaking truth, and forgiving sins.**

Leader: Today, we arrive at the tomb where Jesus' friends laid his body, a final act of love.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, his death a testament to all that sin and evil will do to resist the power of Love to transform the world.**

Leader: Today, we arrive at Good Friday to remember, once again, the story of Jesus crucified.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, who, even in death, shows us the magnitude of God's steadfast love that never fails.**

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**\*Opening Hymn** Go to Dark Gethsemane UMH 290 vv 1-2

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

See him at the judgement hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame or loss; learn from Christ to bear the cross.

**Scripture/Reflection** John 18:1-11

**Taizé Chorus** Come and fill our hearts with your peace  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Amen (3x)

**Scripture/Reflection** John 18:12-18

**Taizé Chorus** O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me. (3x)

**Scripture/Reflection** John 18:19-40

**Taizé Chorus** Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life. (3x)

**Scripture/Reflection** John 19:1-25a