



*To the Greater Glory of God*

GOOD FRIDAY  
TENEBRAE SERVICE

APRIL 3, 2026  
6:30 P.M.

*Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community that gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel, bravely works toward a whole and just world, and passionately nurtures discipleship.*

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Good Friday, Tenebrae Service

April 3, 6:30 p.m.

*Welcome to Covenant; we are glad you are here. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare (ages 6 weeks to Kindergarten) is offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing spaces with live video of the worship service are available in the Welcome Center and parlor. See an usher for assistance.*

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## PRELUDE

*Adagio for Strings* ..... S. Barber  
~ Mark Glaeser, organ ~

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 209 (verses 1, 2, and 5)

*My Song is Love Unknown* ..... LOVE UNKNOWN

## THE FIRST WORD

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

Luke 23:32-38 ..... New Testament, p. 83-84

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*What Wondrous Love* ..... Edmonds<sup>1</sup>

What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

What wondrous love caused the Lord of bliss,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.

What wondrous love, what wondrous love,  
O my soul, what wondrous love!

~ Covenant Choir ~

## THE SECOND WORD

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

Luke 23:39-43 ..... New Testament, p. 84

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*God So Loved the World* ..... J. Stainer

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,

that He gave His only begotten Son,

that whoso believeth, believeth in Him

should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;

but that the world through Him might be saved.

~ Covenant Choir ~

## THE THIRD WORD

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

John 19:25b-27 ..... New Testament, p. 107

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 218

*Ah, Holy Jesus* . . . . . HERTLIEBSTER JESU

*Verse 1: all, 2: low voices, 3: high voices, 4 and 5: all*

**THE FOURTH WORD**

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

Matthew 27:45-49 . . . . . New Testament, p. 31

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* . . . . . G. Martin<sup>2</sup>

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God!

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;

love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my all! Amen!

*~ Covenant Choir ~*

**THE FIFTH WORD**

*“I am thirsty.”*

John 19:28-29 . . . . . New Testament, p. 107

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 221

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* . . . . . PASSION CHORALE

**THE SIXTH WORD**

*“It is finished.”*

John 19:30 . . . . . New Testament, p. 108

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Thy Will Be Done* . . . . . C. Courtney<sup>3</sup>

Our cup was filled with darkness, our cup was filled with death.

Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us  
life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself.

*Refrain:*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me.*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me.*

Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane.

Pleading with the Father for one more way,  
for one more hope, for one more day.

*Refrain*

Then they took our Savior, and led Him to the tree;  
and there they broke His body, poured out His life,  
put Him to death to rise again!

*Refrain*

*~ Covenant Choir ~*

## THE SEVENTH WORD

*“Into your hands I commend my spirit.”*

Luke 23:46-47 .....New Testament, p. 84

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Were You There.* ..... WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

~ *Lamar Davis, tenor* ~

**Please exit the sanctuary in silence.**

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care  
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music  
Mark Glaeser, organist  
Peter Moore, sacred music intern  
Covenant Choir

## ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Children's Saturday Easter Service, April 4, 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Kindergarten class performs the Easter story followed by Easter Egg hunts on our playground. After the service, pet the animals on the Circle and enjoy a sweet treat!

### Easter Sunday, April 5

Traditional: 8:45 a.m. Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

## WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Feel free to contact our office at 704-333-9071 or email [Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org) for more information.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary for use with hearing aids.



Each Sunday, we offer educational and fellowship opportunities in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs in each building for details.

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