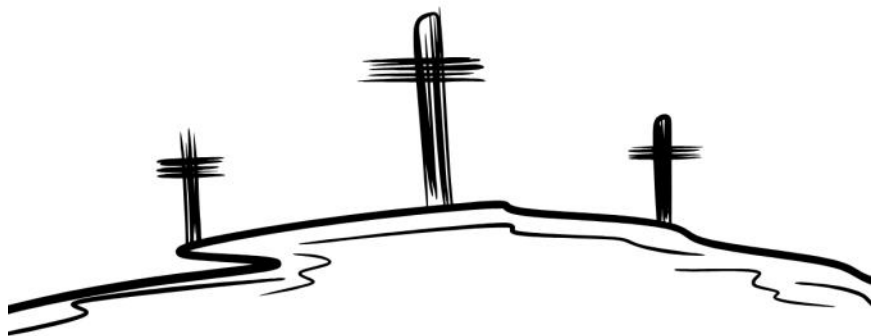


Good Friday

APRIL 18, 2025



Good Friday, 2025

A Reflection Before the Service

We believe that to Christ belongs creative power — that "without Him was not any thing made which was made." We believe that from Him came all life at first. In Him life was as in its deep source. He is the fountain of life. We believe that as no being comes into existence without His creative power, so none continues to exist without His sustaining energy. We believe that the history of the world is but the history of His influence, and that the centre of the whole universe is the cross of Calvary.

— Alexander Maclaren (1826-1910)

A few reminders about tonight's service:

- Please turn all electronic devices to "silent mode" or "off."
- Nursery is provided for children 3 years or younger.

Good Friday

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:24-25

And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Sweet the Moments Rich in Blessing

Allen

Congregation (standing)

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, which before the cross we spend;
life and health and peace possessing from the sinner's dying Friend.
Here we rest, in wonder viewing all our sins on Jesus laid;
here we see redemption flowing from the sacrifice He made.

Here we find the dawn of heaven, while upon the cross we gaze;
see our trespasses forgiven and our songs of triumph raise.
Oh, that near the cross abiding, we may to the Savior cleave,
naught with Him our hearts dividing, all for Him content to leave!

Lord, in ceaseless contemplation, fix our hearts and eyes on Thee,
till we taste Thy full salvation and unveiled Thy glories see.
For Thy sorrows we adore Thee, for the griefs that wrought our peace.
Gracious Savior, we implore Thee, in our hearts Thy love increase.

What Wondrous Love is This

arr. Oldham

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

O Come and Mourn With Me

Faber, Larkin

O come and mourn with me awhile, O come ye to the Savior's side;
O come, together let us mourn, Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Seven times He spoke, seven words of love.
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of all: Jesus the Lord is crucified.

O Love of God! O sin of man! In this dread hour Your strength is tried,
And victory remains with love: Jesus the Lord is crucified.

The Word of Forgiveness

Luke 23:26-38

When they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Him.²⁷ And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him.²⁸ But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."²⁹ "For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'³⁰ "Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.'³¹ "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

³⁴ But Jesus was saying, "**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.**"

Father, forgive them.

Father, forgive them.

Forgive them, they know not what they do.

The Word of Promise

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ "And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" ⁴³ And He said to him, **"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."**

Thief

Aver, Carr, Powell, Lee, Anderson

I am a thief, I am a murderer walkin' up this lonely hill. What have I done?
No, I don't remember, and no one knows just how I feel.
Well, I know that my time is coming soon.

It's been so long, oh such a long time since I've lived with peace and rest.
Now I am here: my destination and I guess things work for the best
And I know that my time is coming soon.

Who is this Man? This Man beside me they call "King of the Jews?"
Well, they don't believe that He's the Messiah. Somehow, I know that it's true.

They laugh at Him in mockery and they beat Him till He bleeds
And they nail Him to the rugged cross and they raise Him,
yeah, they raise Him next to me

My time has come and I'm slowly fading, but I deserve what I receive.
Jesus, when You are in Your Kingdom, could You please remember me?

Well, He looks at me, still holding on, the tears fall from His eyes.
He says, "I tell you the truth, and today you will be with Me in Paradise."

And I know that my time is coming soon,
And I know that paradise is coming soon.

¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." ²⁰ Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin *and* in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it shall be"; *this was* to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." ²⁵ Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**"

I'll Fix My Eyes

Slay, Tierce, Carter

I lift up my head, I sing out a song
I'll fix my eyes on Jesus
Till the things of this earth all pass away
I'll fix my eyes on Jesus

O my soul if you are weary
If there's no light in the darkness you see
There is light, look at the Savior
You'll find a life more abundant and free
(Chorus)

Take heart. His goodness and mercy
Overshadow my deepest despair
Through death to life everlasting
Jesus leads on and we follow Him there
(Chorus)

I will shine in light, behold His glory
Come face to face with the Lord of hosts
I will join the song of thousands, ten-thousands
Holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord
(Chorus)

The Word of Abandonment

Matthew 27:39-46

And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,⁴² "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him."⁴³ "HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE Him now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"⁴⁴ The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "**ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?**" **that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"**

Forsaken

(Psalm 13:1, Luke 23:42, Matthew 27:46) Battles, Forrest

How long, O God, will You neglect My prayer?
Will You forget these tears of dark despair?
Yet not My will, but Yours alone be done;
Forsake not man, but Me, Your sinless Son.

I, Christ the Son, obey Your great command,
Enduring punishment for sinful man.
As Son and silent Lamb, I choose this path;
Accept rejection to appease Your wrath.

O why, My God, have You forsaken Me?
Why have You now refused My final plea?
Though I cry out in sorrow, pain, and fear,
You turn Your back in silence,
In silence disappear.

I, Christ the Son, bear all their sin alone,
Embracing judgment from Your glorious throne,
As Son and spotless Lamb, I shed My blood
To bring them boldly to Your face, My God. **(Repeats)**

Forsake not man, but Me, Your sinless Son.

The Word of Distress

John 19:28-29

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "**I am thirsty.**" ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a *branch of hyssop* and brought it up to His mouth.

I Thirst

Martin, Courtney

Between the earth and blackened sky, suspended on a cross to die,
The Savior bows His head and cries, "I thirst."

Is this the wedding Guest who dined and turned the water into wine,
The One who calls Himself the Vine? "I thirst."

**"I thirst," He cries upon the tree. "I thirst," He cries in agony.
He shared the cup the night before
and now He is the drink that's poured. "I thirst."**

The rain would fall at His command, the sea escape the walls of sand
To wet His lips, this Son of Man. "I thirst."

The dew would fall upon the grass before the morning came to pass
And satisfy His dying gasp: "I thirst."

And though the crowd ignores His plea, He says to all, "Come drink from Me.
The water that I give is free. Thirst no more, thirst no more. Come unto Me."
(Chorus)

The Word of Triumph

John 19:30

³⁰ Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

It is Finished

Zimmer, Stiff

You looked into the endless void—the wonder yet to be
And in the dark Your ageless voice spread out the galaxies
A sea of stars before Your eyes, Your glory filled the newborn skies
And You said, "It is good." And the earth bears witness—
It is finished.

You looked into the crucible that burned with agony
You humbly chose the Father's will and climb to Calvary
Your blood for all my sin poured out, Your final breath that shook the ground.
And You said, "It is done." And Your scars bear witness—
It is finished.

I look into the Holy Place and through the open veil
I see my risen King of grace Who pleads my pardon still
My healing in Your sacrifice; my name within Your wounds inscribed
And You say you are mine and Your love bears witness—
It is finished.

I'll look into eternity when sorrow's seas have dried
I'll see the Lamb who died for me in beauty glorified
With open arms You'll bring me home to bow and worship at Your throne
And You'll say, "Come and rest." As my heart bears witness—
It is finished.

And You'll say, "Come and rest."
As my heart bears witness—
It is finished.

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "**Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.**" Having said this, He breathed His last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began* praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, *began* to return, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

T. J. Campo

Seven Words | The King Speaks from His Throne
The Word of Reunion

Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit,
Into Your hands, into Your hands,
Into Your hands I commend my spirit. (Repeat)

In You, O LORD, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.
In Your justice, set me free. Into Your hands I commend my spirit.
You will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

(Chorus)

Because of all my foes, I have become a reproach,
An object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends.
Those who see me in the street flee from me.
I am forgotten, like someone dead, and have become like a broken vessel.

(Chorus)

But as for me, I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.
My lot is in Your hands, deliver Me from the hands of My enemies
And those who pursue Me.”

(Chorus)

Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love.
Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the LORD.

(CONGREGATION SINGS THE CHORUS)

What Wondrous Love is This

arr. Oldham

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the Cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Taking the Lord's Supper

You will be dismissed one row at a time by the side aisles. Please take the bread and the wine back to your pew via the center aisle. Once everyone has been served, we will partake of the elements together.

Gluten-free bread is available at the center of each table.

**(The band will lead the Congregation in singing
the lyrics found on pages 11 & 12.)**

How Can It Be

Ingram, Johnson, Mabury

I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done, what I've become.
These hands are dirty; I dare not lift them up to the Holy One.

**You plead my cause, You right my wrongs,
You break my chains, You overcome,
You gave Your life to give me mine,
You say that I am free.
How can it be? (yeah) How can it be? (yeah)**

I've been hiding, afraid I've let You down. Inside, I doubt
that You could love me, but in Your eyes there's only grace now.

(Chorus)

Though I fall, You can make me new.
From this death, I will rise with You.
Oh the grace reaching out for me!
How can it be?
How can it be?

You plead my cause, You right my wrongs,
You break my chains, You overcome,
You gave Your life to give me mine,
You say that I am free. (yeah)

(Chorus)

The Bread

The Wine

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all."

**Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

(Chorus)

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

(Repeat)

Choir Director
Dwight Taylor

Piano
Debbie Carr

Violin
Victoria Stepanenko

Cello
Jody Yanow

Flute
Megan McKeon

Percussion
Phillip Woodard

Worship Band Leader/Piano
Theo Campo

Keyboard
Katie Taylor

Guitar
Maddy Campo

Bass Guitar
David King

Acoustic Guitar
Rob Benson

Drums
Phillip Woodard

How does a person become a Christian?

It's not an achievement; it's a gift.

It's not genetics or a pre-disposition or something our parents decide; it's forgiveness and new life from God.

New life and forgiveness are received **not** by proving our worth but by admitting our failure and guilt and believing the Good News of what Jesus Christ accomplished.

The Good News (Gospel) is **not** advice we can carry out. It's **not** a new set of instructions or principles for living. It's the fact that Jesus Christ lived the life we failed to live and died the death we deserve to die. Whoever receives this News and becomes dependent on it (i.e. trusts) receives new life and forgiveness. God adopts us!

What happens next?

When God gives this new life and forgiveness, people begin to live in a pattern of repenting and believing. God Himself somehow moves into our lives and begins motivating us. We find new desires to identify ourselves as the people of Jesus Christ. God gently asserts Himself in our weakness and little-by-little we begin to love in a new way.

We find within us a desire to be with other people who believe the Good News. We begin to recognize the church as family.

Let us help. Call and talk to someone. Ask for assistance in this new way of life. We would be honored to give some direction and support.

Office: 954.989.2655

Email: mail@ParkRoadPres.org

We invite you to join us
for one of our
Easter Worship Services at
8:30 a.m. (Traditional)
or
11:15 a.m. (Contemporary)
or
watch us livestream at
parkroadpres.org

Please join us for our regular
weekly worship services

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (Traditional)
or
11:15 a.m. (Contemporary)
with
Sunday School for adults & children
10:15 a.m.

