



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

12:00 PM

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Introit

Per Crucem

Taizé

By your cross and passion, and by your holy resurrection, deliver us, O Lord.

Gathering

Call

Prayer

**Ever-gracious God,
we gather this noon bearing the marks and burdens
of a bitter and broken world.
We come with dry and thirsty spirits,
longing to be held.
As we stand at your cross,
give us strength to stay and faith to remain.
Draw us nearer to each other
for surely we are lonely and discouraged.
And as the shadows fall this noontide,
deepen in us your steadfast love for us
given in Jesus, our friend and redeemer. Amen.**

♦ Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

verses 1 & 2: all

verse 3: choir

verses 4 & 5: all

Confession

It seems impossible that anyone would give what you did to save humanity; and you gave yourself freely for our souls. It seems unimaginable that anyone could love the way you did, you love outcasts, rebels, and even your persecutors; you refuse to strike back.

**You love so much
you laid down your life for our sake.**

It seems inconceivable that anyone would offer the forgiveness that you did even as nails pierced your flesh, and the cross was stained with your blood.

**But, you did not hold our sin against us,
and took on yourself the suffering that should have been ours.**

Forgive us. We have allowed our hearts to be filled with greed and violence, pride and deceit, bitterness and coldness.

**Fill us again with
your immeasurable grace,
your inexhaustible love,
your unconquerable life,
that we may be changed,
and may express our love and devotion
through all our days. Amen.**

Silence

Forgiveness

The Readings of Good Friday

Vigil

Matthew 26:36-46

Hymn

This Is the Night
verse 1: solo; verse 2: all
verse 3: solo; verses 4 & 5: all

Betrayal

Mark 14:43-50

Silence

Accusation

Mark 14: 53-65

Silence

Hymn

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Crucifixion

Matthew 27:27-44

Anthem

Hope of the World

music by Taylor Davis
text by Georgia Harkness

Lament

Psalms 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far away?
I cry out to you by day, but you do not answer;
and at night, I find no rest.
I am scorned and despised,
all who see me mock me and shake their heads.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
**Our ancestors trusted in you, cried out to you,
and you delivered them.
They enthroned you with praise.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Yet you took me from the womb,**

and from my birth you have been my God.
Do not be far from me, for trouble is near.
My troubles surround me like lions ready to pounce.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are dust;
my heart is like wax, melting inside;
my tongue is dry and I cannot speak;
my limbs are nothing, and my ribs are bare.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**
My enemies encircle me; they stare and gloat;
they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
**But you, O Savior, do not be far away!
O my Help, come quickly to deliver me!**

Death

Luke 23:44-49

Silence

Hymn

Within Our Darkest Night

Tomb

John 19:38-42

Silence

*There is no benediction.
Following the service,
each worshipper is asked to observe silence when leaving.*

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters

Kenneth Ngwa

Adrianna D'Agati

Deborah Raikes-Colbert

Thomas Blocker

Karen Delk

David A. Davis

Musicians

Cantorei and Chorale

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

John Lane, flute

Tirzah, guitar

Cyrus, cello

Elias, cello

Isabel, soloist

Adeline, soloist

Don Dolan, organ/keyboard

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Easter Services

April 20, 6:00 AM, Princeton Cemetery

April 20, 9:00 & 11:00 AM*, Sanctuary

*11:00 AM service is livestreamed.

Note on Post-Easter Worship

Beginning Sunday, April 27 and for the coming weeks we will have one service of worship at 10:00 AM at the Chapel of Princeton Theological Seminary, in the Quad of 64 Mercer St, Princeton, NJ.

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