





APRIL 3RD, 2026
GOOD FRIDAY
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

 **Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.** 

Friendship Pew Pads can be found in each row.



Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.



WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available, or sync your Bluetooth enabled hearing aids to our sound system. Scan the QR code for instructions.



An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.



Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.



Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.



Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

STAFF & HOURS

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- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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*Those who are able, please stand.

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

At the Cross

arr. C. Berry

OPENING SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.

*OPENING HYMN #228

Were You There (verses 1-3)

WERE YOU THERE

HOMILY

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

LITANY OF REPROACH

O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what way have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of bondage and delivered you from the waters of death, but you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. We confess that we have denied you and followed our own way. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you have yielded only bitterness. When I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink; with a spear you have pierced the side of your Savior.

Lord, have mercy. We have stood by while the innocent were mocked. We have turned our faces from the suffering of the world. We have prepared a Cross for our Savior.

I scourged Egypt for your sake, but you have handed me over to be scourged. I gave you a royal scepter, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I exalted you with great power, but you have hanged me on the gibbet of the Cross.

Christ, have mercy. Forgive us, Lord, for the pride that blinds us, the silence that betrays you, and the coldness of our hearts. Smite the rock of our souls and let tears of repentance flow.

Almighty God, who for our sins was stripped, beaten, and led to Calvary, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Apostle Paul says: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

GOD ON TRIAL

Matthew 27:11-15, 21-26

NRSV NT 32

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "It is as you say." ¹²And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" ¹⁴And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed. ¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted.

²¹But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!" ²⁴When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." ²⁵And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Gethsemane with The Power of the Cross

arr. L. Larson

To see the King of Heaven Fall in anguish to His knees, the light of hope all the world now overwhelmed with grief. What nameless horrors must he see to cry out in the garden: "O take this cup away from me, yet not my will but yours." To know each friend will fall away and heaven's voice be still; for hell to have its vengeful day on Golgotha's hill. No words describe the Savior's plight to be by God forsaken till wrath and love are satisfied and every sin is paid. What took him to this wretched place, what kept him on this road? His love for Adam's fallen race, for every broken soul. No sin too slight to overlook, and no crime too great to carry, all mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet he drank it all. This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us; took the blame, bore the shame; we stand forgiven at the cross.

THE MOCKING OF OUR LORD

Mark 15:16-20

NRSV NT 53

¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN #218

Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1 and 2)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD

Matthew 27:33-44

NRSV NT 32

³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, ³⁴they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink. ³⁵And when

they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there. ³⁷ And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ 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.

SOLO ANTHEM When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. N. Grundahl

THE DEATH OF JESUS Matthew 27:45-47 NRSV NT 33
⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ About 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?" ⁴⁷ And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, "This man is calling for Elijah.

John 19:28-30 NRSV NT 114
²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN #221 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

THE BURIAL OF JESUS Matthew 27:57-60 NRSV NT 33
⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

SOLO ANTHEM He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word arr. M. Hogan

CHARGE

*We close with a moment of complete darkness and the sound of the closing of the tomb.
We depart in silence.*

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Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (Were you
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

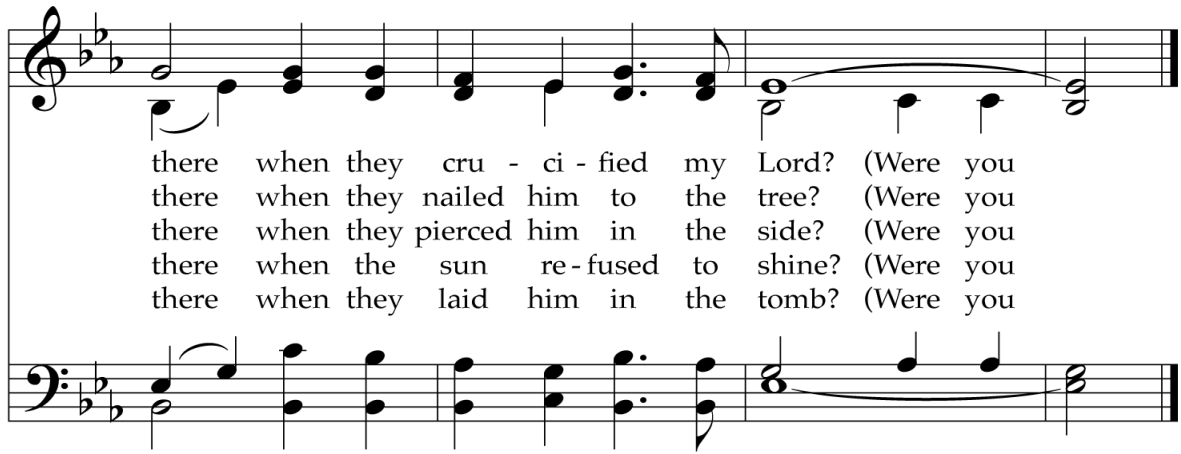
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 there?) Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 there?) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Some-times it caus - es me to

trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

Few hymns from any culture have captured the pathos of Jesus' crucifixion as movingly as this African American spiritual. Its emotional climax (and highest pitch) comes in the great "O!" at the center of each stanza, a moment that moves beyond anything words can convey.

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



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there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you
there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you
there when the sun re - fused to shine? (Were you
there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

Opt. 6 Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

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Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead-ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Enter the deepening shadows of a formal Tenebrae service, where sacred music and ancient liturgy lead us to the foot of the cross, **7:30pm today, Friday, April 3**. Witness the power of the Passion through soaring solos and silent reflection as we experience the weight and wonder of Christ's sacrifice for us.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

8AM OUTDOOR SERVICE Celebrate the Resurrection in the courtyard amidst the beauty of nature, **8am, Sunday, April 5**. With acoustic guitar, classic hymns and the Word, experience the timeless joy of the empty tomb. Pastor Taylor preaching.

10AM INDOOR SERVICE Celebrate the triumph of the Resurrection in a majestic, music-filled service in the Sanctuary, **10am, Sunday, April 5**. Join us for a joyous celebration of the empty tomb through our most beloved hymns, stirring Scripture and the enduring power of the Risen Christ. Pastor Taylor preaching.

EASTER EGG HUNT Kids – stay for the egg hunt following the Easter service, **11am, Sunday, April 5**. Open to all children up to age 11.