

Jesus Went Out to a Garden		Peter Denies Jesus a Second and Third Time		John 18:25-27
Jesus went out to a garden To a quiet place to pray. In the night, a crowd came round him, led by Judas on their way. They seized Jesus to arrest him; someone near then drew a sword. Soon a slave was injured, suffering there beside our suffering Lord.		Congregational Hymn, Tune No. 440		<i>As Peter Stood Outside in Fear</i>
Jesus spoke to stop the violence: “Put your sword back in its place.” Then he touched the slave and healed him In a moment filled with grace. For as violence leads to violence causing more distress and pain – So compassion in abundance Is a witness to God’s reign.		As Peter stood outside in fear, A woman said, “I’ve seen you here. You were with him! Just say it’s so!” But three times, Peter answered, “No!”		
God of love, we pause and wonder: Did that slave give quiet praise? Yet the story marches onward with the pain that it portrays. For the One who brought such healing soon was broken, on a cross, To our sinful word revealing violence has an awful cost.		Why is it, Lord, that when we’re stressed We feel things more and think things less? We let the fear that is inside Become our ruler and our guide.		
God, the gospels bear a witness: Your Son’s death was not the end. By your grace, you gave us Jesus; Sin and violence did not win. May we work to end all suffering; lead us in Christ’s peaceful way. May his peace become and offering that we share throughout each day.		We’re called to welcome strangers in Yet we let fear and hatred win. When we ignore what’s just and true, O Lord, are we denying you?		
Peter Denies Jesus the First Time <i>As Jesus Faced the Council</i>		We say the things we ought not say; We let concerns control the day. Lord, take our fear and in its place, Fill us with love and hope and grace.		
Jesus Questioned by the High Priest		In anxious times, Lord, make us wise To look within our inner lives. When fear temps us to cave to sin, May we seek truth and let love win!		
		Jesus Questioned by Pilate <i>John Nineteen Forty-One</i>		John 18:28-38a Emma Cranford, Flute
		The People ask for Barabbas <i>Crucify Him</i>		John 18:38b-19:7 Kristin Werner, Solo
		Jesus Flogged and Sentenced to Die Congregational Hymn, Tune No. 97		John 19:8-16a <i>There Is a Green Hill Far Away</i>
		There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.		
		We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for love he hung and suffered there.		
Peter Denies Jesus the First Time <i>As Jesus Faced the Council</i>		John 18:13-17 <i>Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements, Solo</i>		
Jesus Questioned by the High Priest		John 18:18-24		

There was no other good enough to
pay the price of sin, his death has opened
wide the gate of heaven, to let us in.

O dearly, dearly, has he loved, and
we must love him too, and trust in his
transforming love and try his works to do.

Pilate hands Jesus over to be Crucified
Congregations Hymn, No. 184

Jesus is Crucified
The Crucifixion

Jesus Speaks, Dies, and is Buried
Were You There?

Benediction

John 19:16b-25a
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

John 19:25b-29
Jessica Dunlap, Solo

John 19:30-42
Chris Vineis, Solo

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Please exit the Sanctuary in silence.

Readers in tonight's service
Don Dillard
Kathy Stanley
Rev. Cheryl Kimble
Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements
Sarah Gamble
Becky Dillard
Kade Keith

Easter Celebration Service
**You are invited to Easter morning at The Church @ Highland Park. The service
begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and will feature a brass ensemble,
flowering of the cross, and special music.
We hope you'll join us in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**



The Worship of God on Good Friday

April 18, 2025

Please enter the Sanctuary in silence and prayer. In consideration for the entire
body of Christ at worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude	<i>Herzlich tut mich verlangen</i> , Mark Stern
Welcome	Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements
Opening Prayer	Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements
Jesus Betrayed and Arrested	John 18:1-12 <i>Jesus Went Out to a Garden</i>
Opening Hymn, tune #278	