

Prayer

Suffering Savior,
in all our thirst, in all our sickness, in all our longing, in all our pain, you
are there. Come alongside us in the darkness, and walk with us through
all our suffering.

(Silence)

Hymn #218

Ah, Holy Jesus ~sing verses 1 and 2

Special Music

Erbarne Dich, J.S. Bach
~Linda Haffner, vocals, Kristen Cook, violin

*Have mercy, my God, for the sake of my tears!
Look here, heart and eyes weep bitterly before you.*

Have mercy, have mercy!

German text

*Erbarne dich, mein Gott, Um meiner Zähren Willen!
Schaue hier, Herz und Auge Weint vor dir bitterlich.*

Shadow of Death

Reading

Luke 23:44-49

pew Bible pp. 1641-1642

Prayer:

Dearest Jesus,
even in death, you are there. When we mourn, when we are afraid, when
we come to our own end, you have been there, too. Come alongside us in
the darkness, and carry us through death to life.

(Silence)

Hymn #216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ~sing all the verses
(Silence)

Hymn # 209

My Song Is Love Unknown ~sing verses 1 and 5

We leave in silence

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday

A Service of Shadows and Stones

April 18, 2025

12:00 pm



Gathering Words

All you who pass this way
 Look and see, the shadow of sin
All you who pass this way
 Look and see the weight of the world
All you who pass this way
 Look and see, the suffering of our Savior.
All you who pass this way
 Look and see, the sorrow of Jesus Christ
Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
(based on Lamentations 1:12)

Hymn #220 Go to Dark Gethsemane ~sing verse 1

Shadow of Condemnation

Reading Luke 23: 32-34 pew Bible p. 1641

Prayer
Forgiving Christ,
when the world condemns us, when wrong is done to us, when we carry
the weight of things that are too much to forgive, come alongside us in the
darkness, and give us the grace to be forgiven and forgiving.

(Silence)

Hymn #228 Were You There~ sing verse 1

Shadow of Separation

Reading Luke 23:35-43 pew Bible p. 1641

Prayer
Reconciling Christ,
we are weighed down by sin and separation, a world that is not at peace,
people who are not whole. You reached out to the thief, you welcomed him
to God’s side. Come alongside us in the darkness, and bring grace and
peace to everything that is broken.

(Silence)

Hymn #227 Jesus, Remember Me~ sing twice

Shadow of Sorrow

Reading John 19:25-27 pew Bible p. 1684-1685

Prayer
Loving Jesus,
we carry the weight of the people we love, concern for their sorrows and
suffering. Our care for them is deep, and sometimes there is not much we
can do. Come alongside us in the darkness, and cradle the ones we love in
your strong hands.

(Silence)

Hymn #215 What Wondrous Love is This~ sing verses 1 and 4

Shadow of Despair

Reading Mark 5:33-34 pew Bible p. 1560

Prayer:.
Lord Jesus Christ,
you know what it is to feel that God is far away. You know what it is to call
out for God’s presence. Come alongside us in the darkness, and help us call
out for God.

(Silence)

Hymn #221 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ~sing all the verses

Shadow of Suffering

Reading John 19:28-30 pew Bible p. 1685

