

# Nurture Good News

*"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)*



## INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

### GOOD FRIDAY

*April 18, 2025*



*To make meaning out of Jesus' crucifixion is not to jump to the joys of Easter Sunday for easy answers. Rather, it is to pause in the pain with the crucified in our midst.*

~ Elizabeth Evans

*All gather in silence.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

Come together—let us tell the sad story.

The bread of life was broken long, long ago.

**Let us tell this story of loss and despair,  
for Jesus endured it all.**

Come together—let us tell the story of the one who suffered and died.

**Let us tell the story of the death of the Good Shepherd,  
who loved us until the very end.**

We gather together to remember and grieve the events of this day.

The bread of life has been broken.

**Come, let us worship God,  
who never leaves us nor forsakes us.**

## PRELUDE

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*The screens will not be used in today's service. Please use your hymnals for the music.*

<b>RESPONSE</b>	LORD, HAVE MERCY	GTG #551
	American folk melody	LAND OF REST

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

*After each passage, we will collectively sing a verse from the hymns*

<b>GOSPEL</b>	THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS	JOHN 18:1-11
<b>RESPONSE</b>	THIS IS THE NIGHT	GTG #206 <i>Verse 1</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST	18:12-14
<b>RESPONSE</b>	THIS IS THE NIGHT	<i>Verse 2</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	PETER DENIES JESUS	18:15-18
<b>RESPONSE</b>	THIS IS THE NIGHT	<i>Verse 3</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	THE HIGH PRIEST QUESTIONS JESUS	18:19-24

<b>RESPONSE</b>	THIS IS THE NIGHT	<i>Verse 4</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	PETER DENIES JESUS AGAIN	18:25-27
<b>RESPONSE</b>	THIS IS THE NIGHT	<i>Verse 5</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	JESUS BEFORE PILATE	18:28-38A
<b>RESPONSE</b>	WERE YOU THERE	GTG #228 <i>Verse 1</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	JESUS SENTENCED TO DEATH	18:38B-19:16A
<b>RESPONSE</b>	WERE YOU THERE	<i>Verse 2</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS	19:16B-30
<b>RESPONSE</b>	WERE YOU THERE	<i>Verse 3</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	JESUS' SIDE IS PIERCED	19:31-37
<b>RESPONSE</b>	WERE YOU THERE	<i>Verse 4</i>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	THE BURIAL OF JESUS	19:38-42
<b>RESPONSE</b>	WERE YOU THERE	<i>Verse 5</i>

### **SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS**

*After each reproach, the congregation may respond:*

...but you have made a cross for your savior

**Holy God,**

**Holy and mighty,**

**Holy immortal One,**

**have mercy on us.**

<b>RESPONSE</b>	LORD, HAVE MERCY American folk melody	GTG #551 LAND OF REST
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*All depart in silence.*

*The service continues Sunday...*