



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"* J. Cruger/S. E. Rogers

Please stand

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

People: We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day Christ died.

Leader: Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

People: But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

Leader: From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

People: God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

Please be seated

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION: *"O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall"* J. S. Bach **Please stand**

*OPENING HYMN #216 *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Liturgist: Lord, you said from the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

All: I confess that too often I know exactly the evil I do and I do it anyway. I hoard rather than share. I look out for myself and neglect the interest of others. I judge others harshly and absolve myself undeservedly. Forgive me for all that I do knowingly, neglect willfully and perpetrate indiscriminately. Forgive me for my culpability in this violent day.

Liturgist: Lord, you said from the cross, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

All: I confess my resemblance to the one crucified beside you who derided and chided you. I want your benefits with none of the responsibilities. I call to you for rescue even when I fail to acknowledge my own guilt. Forgive me for failing to recognize my sin and for my sense of entitlement to your intervention. Forgive me for not seeing your innocence and selfless sacrifice.

Liturgist: Lord, you said from the cross, "Woman, here is your son.....here is your mother."

All: I confess my unwillingness to tend to those for whom I have been entrusted to care. I resent others' demands on my time and resources. I desire the gifts of community but act as if my choices are solely about what is best for me and me alone. Forgive me for not taking to heart your command to love one another. Forgive me for not seeing each person I encounter as a gift for you and someone for whom I am to care.

Liturgist: Lord, you said from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

All: I confess that I have forsaken you, time and time again. I said I would risk my life for you but instead denied you. You told me to stay awake and on watch, but I fell asleep. I promised I would not abandon you, but I ran at the first sign of danger. Forgive me for not being there when you most needed me. Forgive me for fickle faith and a lack of courage. Forgive me for throwing off the cross and running away.

Liturgist: Lord, you said from the cross, "I am thirsty."

All: I confess my failure to give a cup of cold water to the little ones desperate for a drink. I confess that my heart has not been a spring of living water, but instead often a desert of deceit. I look away from those crying out for life's basic necessities. Forgive me for not giving what I have in your name and for your sake. Forgive me for my lack of compassion and my hard-heartedness. Forgive me for not responding to your cry for help.

Liturgist: Lord, you said from the cross, "It is finished."

All: I confess that I left you long before you declared your work complete. I confess that I could not stand to see you suffer. I confess that my fear for myself overtook my love for you. Forgive me for not sticking with you. Forgive me for all the times I have not finished the work you gave me to do. Forgive me for giving up when I should have trusted your promises.

Liturgist: Lord, you said from the cross, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

All: I confess that I was not there when you breathed your last. I confess that I doubted my declaration that you were the Messiah. I confess that there were times I wished I had not left everything to follow you. Forgive me for allowing you to die alone. Forgive me for my lack of trust. Forgive me that I could not see past the earthly powers and recognize the kingdom of heaven come near, come to earth, come to me. Amen.

Please Stand

***MIDDLE HYMN #221**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(moment of silence following each petition)

Pastor: Redeeming God, we cry out to you for the suffering of the world.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the Church, both near and far, that we may always be on the side of the oppressed and not the oppressors.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the gift of faith, that we may put our trust in you, even in times of suffering.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: And so we pray for those who suffer, that they may feel your presence with them.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the earth, too often crucified by our folly and selfishness.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the Mary Magdalenes and Joseph of Arimatheas of this world who care for those who struggle and for those who are dying, that, through us, you may strengthen them in their service.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all who wrestle with their faith, struggling to know if you are with them, that your face will not be hidden from them.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all the families and all the nations of the earth, that they shall remember and turn toward you, and find peace.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray in the name of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Were You There?"

Brooke Waters

Arr. by Moses Hogan

Soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS

John 18:1-19:42

Please stand

***CLOSING HYMN #223**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

G. Bennard/D. Wood

Participants in worship:

Pastor – Tracy Ebarb

Choir Director – Dr. Jeffrey Snider

Pianist/Organist – Marcy Lasseter

Greeter – Keith Bringe

A/V – Richard Klein, David Buyze – A/V

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Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself up for me.**