



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Good Friday

April 18, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

Students from our neighbors at the Wesley Foundation at William & Mary
will be leaders in this evening's worship.

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus
(Don Freudenburg)

Organ

INTROIT

Lead Me to Calvary
(William J. Kirkpatrick)

Sanctuary Choir

OPENING WORDS

Pastor Dave

Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

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

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

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

HYMN

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

TFWS 2112

CALL TO CONFESSION

The promise of our faith is that
if we call on the name of the Lord,
our God will remember our sin no more.
Therefore, let us confess our wrongdoing!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy on us.**

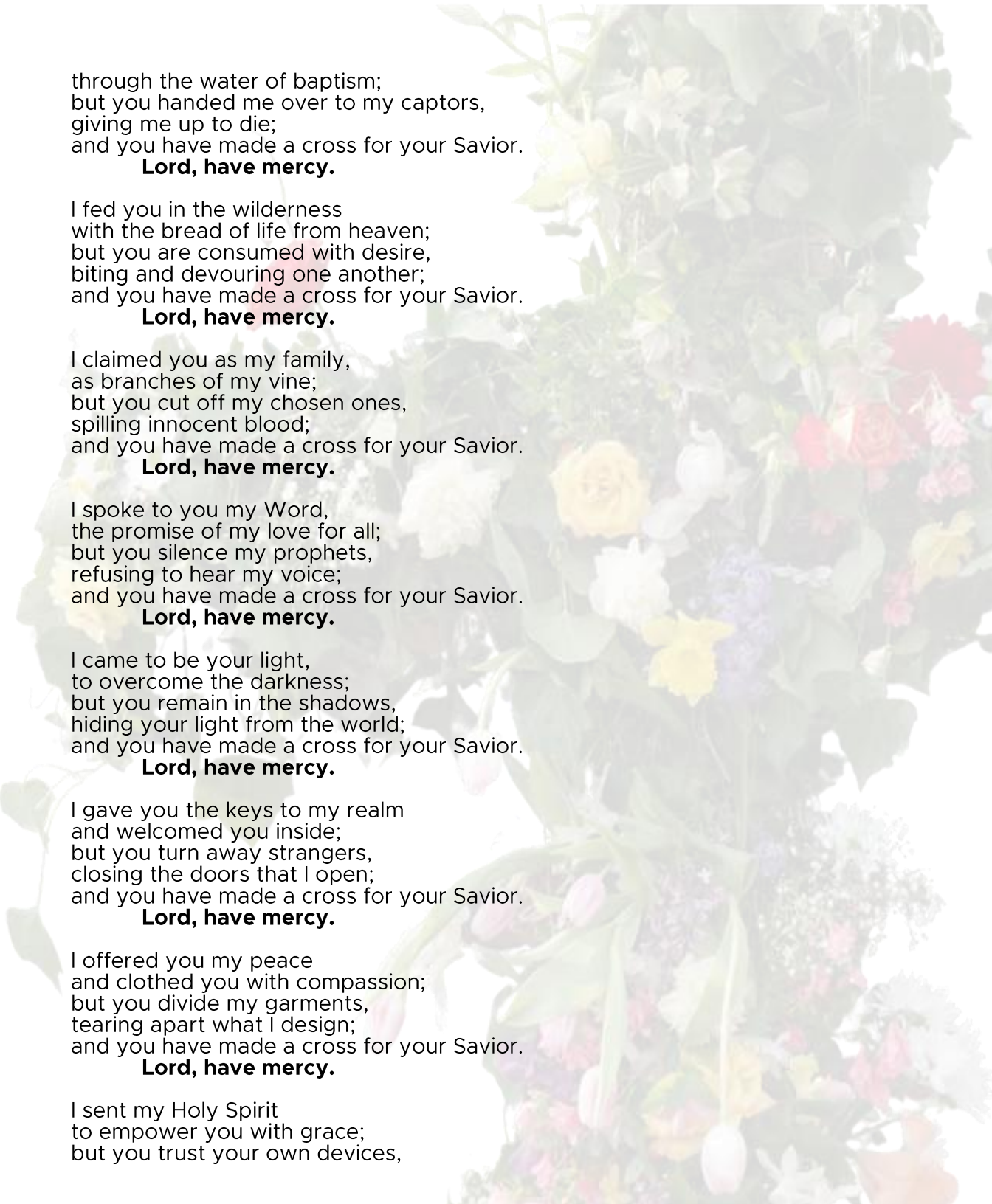
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My people, my people,
why have you forsaken me?
Answer me!
I delivered you from captivity



through the water of baptism;
but you handed me over to my captors,
giving me up to die;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I fed you in the wilderness
with the bread of life from heaven;
but you are consumed with desire,
biting and devouring one another;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I claimed you as my family,
as branches of my vine;
but you cut off my chosen ones,
spilling innocent blood;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I spoke to you my Word,
the promise of my love for all;
but you silence my prophets,
refusing to hear my voice;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to be your light,
to overcome the darkness;
but you remain in the shadows,
hiding your light from the world;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I gave you the keys to my realm
and welcomed you inside;
but you turn away strangers,
closing the doors that I open;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I offered you my peace
and clothed you with compassion;
but you divide my garments,
tearing apart what I design;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I sent my Holy Spirit
to empower you with grace;
but you trust your own devices,

squandering my good gifts;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to dwell among you
as the Word made flesh;
but you ignore neighbors in need,
failing to recognize my face;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Meghan

Take heart, for our Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God,
understands our human experience,
felt the depth of our pain
and sympathizes with our weakness.
He deals gently with the ignorant and the wayward
and is the source of our eternal salvation.

PRAYER OF THE EVENING

Deacon Troy

We stand near the cross, O God—
disturbed, distraught, discouraged.
Yet we gather here as disciples,
those whom Jesus loves.
In the face of such suffering,
show us the face of our Savior.
In the shadow of such evil,
show us the light of your grace.
On this day of great solemnity,
let us stand as witnesses
to your great love for all the world,
revealed in the outstretched arms
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

“I came to testify to the truth,” the Lord said.
“What is truth?” we reply.
Open our hearts to know your truth, Lord.
Speak your truth to us now. **Amen.**

HYMN

Were You There

UMH 288

PSALM 88

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus
(Donald McCullough)

Sanctuary Choir

JOHN 18:28-19:30

HOMILY

Pastor Ryan

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
(Hassler/Bach)

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SENDING (IN SILENCE)

Liturgy Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion*
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EASTER AT WILLIAMSBURG UMC

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

When: Saturday, April 19 at 10:00am

Where: WUMC Atrium

Come explore the mysteries of Easter through games, crafts, music, and Bible stories. Then we'll search the WUMC grounds for hundreds of Easter eggs. We'll close our time with a free lunch in Fellowship Hall!

EASTER SERVICES

6:30am – Sunrise Outdoor Service

On Easter Sunday we gather early in the morning, out-of-doors on the front lawn, to greet the new day and the presence of abundant and everlasting life through Christ.

9:30am – Outdoor Service

As we worship outside, we remember the Holy Spirit sends the Church beyond the walls to tell the Good News of Christ's life, death and Resurrection.

8:00 & 11:00am – Sanctuary Services

Gather in the Sanctuary for the joy of Easter Sunday worship through dramatic readings, choral and orchestral music, preaching, prayer and song.

The Flowering of the Cross: As you come to Easter Sunday Service, we invite you to pause by the cross on our front lawn, say a short prayer and add some flowers to it. Purchased flowers or fresh flowers from your garden are welcome.

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



Men's Ministry williamsburgumc.org/adults/men

United Methodist Men is a fellowship committed to the growth and expansion of the church's mission. Our Purpose is to provide a supportive fellowship for men seeking to know Jesus Christ, grow spiritually, and help others find a welcoming place for Christ in their hearts and lives.



Women's Ministry williamsburgumc.org/women

We are a community for women who find deep meaning in relationship to God and each other. We understand that life is often packed full of activities and obligations — from juggling jobs to taking care of family. That's why we offer a space that combines study with meaningful fellowship and outreach opportunities.



Youth Ministries williamsburgumc.org/youth

As students grow and mature, we believe faith should grow and deepen with them. Our WUMC ReNEW Youth Group is designed to offer holistic faith formation for students in 6th - 12th grade. We study the Bible, learn spiritual practices, and respond through creative expression and intentional mission.



Children's Ministries williamsburgumc.org/children

We offer faith formation to our youngest disciples through Sunday Nursery and Children's Worship, monthly Messy Church, and regular events for fun and fellowship. We also offer music programs, a vibrant preschool and music school and welcome Cub Scouts through our doors each week.

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Local Outreach williamsburgumc.org/local-outreach

Our Local Outreach committee serves as the cornerstone of our commitment to embody Christ's love beyond our walls. We firmly believe that faith is not merely a personal journey but a transformative reality that compels us to be in mission to the world around us.



Global Outreach williamsburgumc.org/global-outreach

Our global initiatives range from missionary sponsorships and disaster relief efforts to educational and healthcare projects. These endeavors aim not only to meet immediate needs but also to lay the groundwork for sustainable development and spiritual growth in communities around the world.



Music Ministries williamsburgumc.org/music

We eagerly experience God through diverse types of music. More than 150 adults, children, and Youth participate in our ensembles and share their musical gifts with our congregation. You'll find a wide range of opportunities tailored for all ages in our WUMC Music Ministry.



Join A Class or a Small Group

williamsburgumc.org/classes and williamsburgumc.org/small-groups

Studies and Small Groups help us grow spiritually and relationally, reflecting Jesus' example of teaching within community. Sunday school, Bible studies, and various short or long-term studies provide opportunities to learn from Christ and each other. Small groups (intentionally limited in size) foster deeper conversations, mutual support and accountability. Together, we journey toward understanding our lives, faith, and relationships more deeply.



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