



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 3, 2026 – 7:30 PM



**The People of The Passion:
Good Friday**

First Church is a community growing in grace and reaching out with love.

GOOD FRIDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*With joy we welcome your presence today, wherever you are.
Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship together.*

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Master Tallis's Testament
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Welcome Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

• **Greeting**

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

Worship Guide Notes: • is an invitation to rise in body or spirit; **bold words** indicate congregational response



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- Silent Processional
- Hymn, UMH #298: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Candle One, The Plot to Kill Jesus: *Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16*Laurie St. Gean

Anthem Chamber Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director; Thea Klement, soprano

Tristis Est Anima Mea
Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Tristis est anima mea usque ad mortem:
sustinete hic, et vigilate mecum:
nunc videbitis turbam, quæ circumdabit me:
Vos fugam capietis, et ego vadam immolari pro vobis.

Ecce appropinquat hora, et Filius hominis
tradetur in manus peccatorum.

Translation:
My soul is sad even unto death.
stand here, and watch with me:
Now ye shall see the crowd that surroundeth me:
You will take flight, and I will go and be sacrificed for you.

Behold, the hour draweth nigh, and the Son of Man
Shall be delivered into the hands of sinners.

Candle Two, Passover with the disciples: *Matthew 26:17-30* Garrett Ganucheau

Hymn, UMH #626: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (v. 1)*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

Candle Three, Predictions about the Disciples: *Matthew 26:31-35* Scott Caprio

Hymn, UMH #265: *O Christ, the Healer (v. 3)*

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

Candle Four, Jesus In Prayer: *Matthew 26:36-46* Brian Woods-Lustig

Hymn, UMH #290: *Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 1)*

Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Candle Five, The Arrest: *Matthew 26:47-56* Kenton Reaves Hundley

Anthem

Timor Et Tremor

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Translation:

*Fear and trembling came over me,
and darkness fell over me:
have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy on me,
for my soul trusts in you.*

*Hear, O God, my prayer,
for you are my refuge and my strong helper.
Lord, I have called upon you, I shall not be confounded.*

Timor et tremor venerunt super me,
et caligo cecidit super me:
miserere mei Domine,
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.

Exaudi Deus deprecationem meam
quia refugium meum es
tu adjutor fortis.
Domine, invocavi te, non confundar.

Candle Six, Jesus Before the Council: *Matthew 26:57-68*. Janice Roudebush

Hymn, UMH #289: *Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1)*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Candle Seven, Peter’s Denial: *Matthew 26:69-75* Amy Moberly

Hymn, UMH #287: *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done (v. 1)*

O Love divine, what has thou done!
Th’immortal God hath died for me!
The Father’s coeternal Son
Bore all my sins upon the tree.
Th’immortal God for me hath died:
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Candle Eight, Jesus Before Pilate: *Matthew 27:1-2*. Leo Djamson

Hymn, UMH #290: *Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 2)*

See him at the judgment hall,
Beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Candle Nine, Judas’ Death: *Matthew 27:3-10*. David Patterson

Hymn, UMH #292: *What Wondrous Love Is This (v. 1)*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Candle Ten, Questioned By Pilate: *Matthew 27:11-14* Barb Weicksel

Hymn, UMH #297: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v. 1)*

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Candle Eleven, Death Sentence: *Matthew 27:15-26* Haley Woods-Lustig

Anthem

Vinea mea electa

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Translation:

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi:
quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem,
ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam dimitteres.
Sepivi te, et lapides elegi ex te,
et ædificavi turrim.

*O my chosen vineyard, I planted you.
How have you turned into bitterness,
so that you crucify me and release Barabbas?
I protected you and removed the stones from your path,
and built a tower for you.*

Candle Twelve, Soldiers Mocking Jesus: *Matthew 27:27-31* Christine Hoffman

Hymn, UMH #285: *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord (v. 1)*

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
They made a crown of thorns;
Set you with taunts along that road
From which no one returns.
They could not know, as we do now,
How glorious is that crown;
That thorns would flower upon your brow,
Your sorrows heal our own.

Candle Thirteen, Crucifixion: *Matthew 27:32-44* Azantia Limon

Hymn, UMH #294: *Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed (v. 1)*

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Candle Fourteen, Others Convicted: *Matthew 27:28-44* Nathan Stowe

Hymn, UMH #286: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 1)*

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

The Christ Candle, Death: *Matthew 27:45-50* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

The Tolling of the Bells

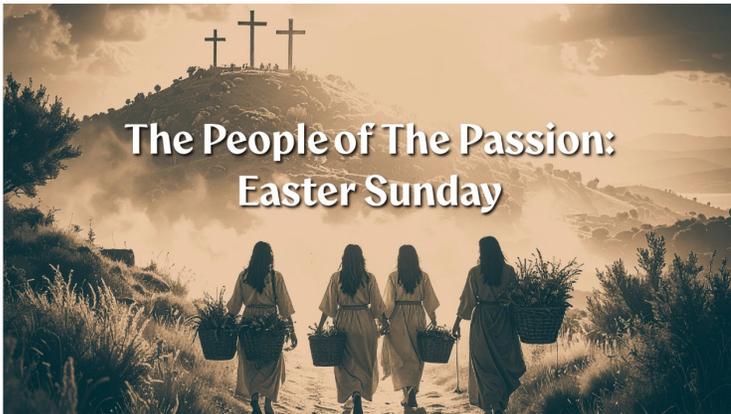
In Darkness: Burial Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Hymn, UMH #288: *Were You There (v. 1)*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

In Darkness: At the Tomb Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

Dismissal in Silence



Join Us Easter Sunday: April 5
Progressive message & moving music

Worship Service
9 AM & 11 AM | *In-Person (Sanctuary) & Online*

Easter Egg Grab
10:15 AM in Linder Hall | *0-Preschool & K-5th Grade*

FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU IF . . .

You are single, married, divorced, gay, transgender, filthy rich, dirt poor, o no habla inglés,

You are a crying newborn, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds,

You can sing like Aretha Franklin or cannot carry a tune in a bucket,

You're "just browsing", just woke up, or you just got out of jail,

You've been a Methodist your whole life or haven't been in church except for your little niece's baptism years ago,

You've got an AARP card but have yet to grow up, or you're a teenager growing up, too fast.

We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or struggling with addiction.

We welcome you if you're having problems, or if you're down in the dumps, or if you don't like "organized religion."

This church is for you, we've all been there.

If you blew all your money in Vegas, you're welcome here.

*We offer a special welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, those who work too hard,
those who don't work, can't spell, or found us because Grandma wants you to go to church.*

We welcome all those who are inked, pierced or both.

We welcome you if your ancestors arrived in chains, below the decks, captained those ships, or have been on this land since the beginning of time.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now (all of us could use a prayer right now).

We'd also like to welcome you if you had religion shoved down your throat, or you got lost on YouTube somehow and ended up here by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts...and you!

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