On Good Friday, Christians recall the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Although Good Friday is one of the saddest days of the Christian year, the Church continues to call it “good,” believing that Christ’s suffering and death were not in vain but served to liberate humanity from sin and death. Scripture tells us that the earth went dark at the “sixth hour,” or noon. Good Friday noon worship is a simple, sparse service of scripture, preaching, and reflective music. We remember with deep sorrow the sacrificial suffering and death of an innocent man who is revealed to be the Son of God.
The Procession of the Stations of the Cross
Good Friday
half past 11 o’clock in the morning on the Chapel Steps

For each station, the presiding minister will announce the station, the tableau will form, those gathered will respond with the text in bold, and then the minister will pray. When the trumpeter begins playing, please follow the procession to the next station.

1. Jesus Is Condemned to Death

All:
The crowd is demanding and clamoring.
They want him crucified.
No one can shout them down.
Pilate is giving his verdict.
“If that’s what you want,
Let him be crucified.”

adapted from Luke 23:23–24

Prayers

II. Jesus Bears His Cross

All:
The soldiers dressed him in a grand robe.
They ridiculed him and laughed at him.
Then they stripped him again and put his own clothes on him.
Finally they led him out to crucify him.

adapted from Matthew 27:31

Prayers

III. Jesus Falls for the First Time

All:
Jesus carried the cross by himself.
He carried it to the Place of the Skull.
The place is called Golgotha.

adapted from John 19:17

Prayers
iv. Jesus Meets His Mother on the Way

All:
When Jesus came to Jerusalem the first time,  
Simeon had told Mary  
a sword would pierce her soul.  
Now those words had come true.

adapted from Luke 2:34–35a

Prayers

v. Simon of Cyrene Helps Carry Jesus’ Cross

All:
There was a man coming in from the country.  
His name was Simon, and he came from Cyrene, in North Africa.  
He was close by when Jesus was carrying his cross.  
They ordered Simon to take up the cross instead of Jesus.

adapted from Mark 15:21

Prayers

vi. A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

All:
In Galilee a woman once wiped Jesus’ feet with her hair.  
Jesus said her many sins had been forgiven.  
He said the one who has been forgiven much, loves much.  
Now it is Jesus’ face that is unclean.  
Once again a woman steps forward  
to clean what no one else will touch.

adapted from Luke 7:44–47

Prayers

vii. Jesus Falls for the Second Time

All:
Isaiah foretold,  
“He has borne our disease;  
yet we called him struck down by God.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
on him was laid the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.”

adapted from Isaiah 53:4–5

Prayers
viii. Jesus Rebukes the Daughters of Jerusalem

All:
A great number of the people were following him.
Among them were women
who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.
But Jesus turned to them and said,
“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me,
but weep for yourselves and for your children.”


Prayers

ix. Jesus Falls for the Third Time

All:
Isaiah foretold,
“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
he did not open his mouth.
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
Struck down for the transgression of my people.”

adapted from Isaiah 53:7–8

Prayers

x. Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

All:
The soldiers divided his clothes among them.
They cast lots to decide what each should take.

adapted from Mark 15:24

Prayers

xi. Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

All:
When they came to the place that is called The Skull,
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.

Luke 23:33

Prayers
xii. Jesus Dies on the Cross

All:
It was now about noon,
and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon,
while the sun’s light failed.
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”
And he breathed his last.

adapted from Luke 23:44–46

Prayers

xiii. Jesus Is Given to Those Who Would Bury Him

All:
When Pilate learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead,
he granted the body to Joseph of Arimathaea.
Then Joseph bought a linen cloth,
and taking down the body,
wrapped it in the linen cloth
and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.
He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

adapted from Mark 15:45–46

Prayers

xiv. Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

All:
Joseph of Arimathaea came and removed his body.
Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came,
bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes,
weighing about a hundred pounds.
They took the body of Jesus
and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths.
Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified,
and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever
been laid. And so they laid Jesus there.

adapted from John 19:38–42

Prayers

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues inside Duke Chapel.
Prelude

O Gott, du frommer Gott
(O God, Thou Faithful God)

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
(O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)

*Processional Hymn 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

(The 14 stations of the cross will process into the sanctuary during the prelude as people are seated. The choir leads the processional hymn. There will be silence before the opening collect.)

*Opening Collect

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into hostile hands and to suffer death for our salvation; and shape our lives according to the pattern of your Son’s cross, that as we share in your Son’s crucifixion we may come to share also in the glory of his resurrection. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Isaiah 52:13–53:12 (OT page 642 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

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Sermon—Behold the Man

Response

Hymn 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

(The congregation responds to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”)

Anthem

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

Johannes Flamingus
(d. 1598)

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, am Stamm des Kreuzes geschlachtet,
Allzeit funden geduldig, wiewohl du warest verachtet;
All Sünden hast du getragen, sonst müßten wir verzagen.
Erbarm dich unser, o Jesu.

O innocent Lamb of God, at the trunk of the Cross slaughtered,
All-time gathered patiently, although you were scorned;
You have taken all our sins, otherwise we would have to despair.
Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

—Nikolaus Decius
*Benediction

All may depart in silence after the ministers recess.

*All who are able may stand.

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**Holy Week and Easter at Duke Chapel**

**Friday, April 14: Good Friday**

1:00–3:00 p.m. Meditative organ music  
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae (Darkness) ~  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery

**Saturday, April 15: Holy Saturday**

3:00 p.m. Bach Cantata Series ~ *St. John Passion*  
8:00 p.m. Catholic Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 16: Easter Sunday**

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Duke Gardens South Lawn ~  
Preacher: Bishop William Willimon (Duke Divinity School)  
9:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Holy Communion ~  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship ~  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery  
4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong  
5:00 p.m. The Complete Bach Organ Works ~ *Miracles*
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