

OLD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

Worship Through Praising God

Easy-to-use earphones to assist with hearing are available from the ushers.

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude Chorale Prelude on “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Were You There? Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Welcome

Solo “Eja Mater fons amoris” from *Stabat Mater*
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Eja, Mater, fons amoris *Come now, Mother, fountain of love*
me sentire vim doloris *Make me feel the power of sorrow*
fac, ut tecum lugeam. *that I might mourn with you.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader We have come to worship the mystery of God:

People **One God, three persons,
beyond our understanding,
yet constantly revealing themselves to us.**

Leader We have come to worship an infinite being,

People **who took on finite flesh: fully human and fully divine—**

Leader a being who is love itself,

People **yet loathes injustice;**

Leader who is almighty,

People **yet let go of power to be in solidarity
with outcasts and criminals.**

Leader We gather to worship the living God,

People **who died.**

***Hymn 220** *Go to Dark Gethsemane, Verses 1-3 only*

- 1 **Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him on bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**
- 2 **Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.**
- 3 **Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

The Last Supper

First Reading Luke 22:7-13

**Invitation to
Christ's Table**

**Great Prayer of
Thanksgiving**

Anthem Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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| Ave verum corpus | <i>Hail, true body</i> |
| natum de Maria Virgine, | <i>born of the Virgin Mary,</i> |
| Vere passum immolatum | <i>who truly suffered, sacrificed</i> |
| in cruce pro homine, | <i>on the cross for humankind,</i> |
| Cujus latus perforatum | <i>whose pierced side</i> |
| unda fluxit et sanguine, | <i>overflowed with water and blood,</i> |
| Esto nobis praegustatum | <i>be for us a foretaste</i> |
| in mortis examine. | <i>in the trial of death.</i> |

Words of Institution

Communion *All are invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.
Receive the bread from the pastors, then dip it in grape juice.
Gluten-free bread is available from the pastors upon request.*

Second Reading Luke 22:24-27

**Journey
to the Cross**

The Crucifixion

Third Reading Luke 23:20-27

Simon of Cyrene

Confession **Jesus, when we side with you,
we side with all who threaten the status quo.
When we refuse the call to see others' struggles as our own,
we abandon our kin to shoulder their crosses alone.
So we pray, O God, embolden us to accept the risks
that come with following you—
even as we resist the powers and systems
that set crosses on our shoulders. Amen.**

Fourth Reading Luke 23:39-43

**The Criminal
on the Cross**

Hymn 227 Jesus, Remember Me

The choir sings the song once; then the whole congregation joins in.

**Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Fifth Reading Luke 23:44-46, 48

Solo Were You There? African-American Spiritual
Arranged by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Where you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

Where you there when they pierced him in the side?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Where you there when they pierced him in the side?

Where you there when they laid him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Where you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The Tomb

Final Reading Luke 23:52-53

Closing Litany

Sending

We depart in silence.

*Tonight's offering goes to Life for Relief and Development (LIFE),
a nonprofit responding to the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon.*

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<https://www.oldfirst.org/donations/> - or use the QR-code below. Select "Good
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Tonight's Worship Leaders

The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
Larry Marietta Music Director

Tonight's Liturgy: A Sanctified Art

Tonight's liturgy is adapted from texts by Avery Arden | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Tonight's Offering: LIFE

Tonight's offering goes to **Life for Relief and Development (LIFE)**, nonprofit responding to the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. As many flee from the war in Iran and other countries of the Middle East to seek refuge in Lebanon, they find Lebanon itself already overwhelmed by the effects of ongoing conflict. More than 58,000 people have been displaced, and across the country, only 621 public shelters are available. These shelters are now overcrowded and struggling to provide basic services, leaving many families uncertain where they will sleep or how they will feed their children. Your offering this evening will go toward delivering life-saving humanitarian aid to displaced families. For more information visit LIFE's website: <https://www.lifeusa.org/>

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Easter Vigil at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Saturday, April 4

If you're looking for worship on the Eve of Easter, you can join our ecumenical neighbors up the hill: **Grace Episcopal Cathedral** at California and Taylor Street will hold its Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, **April 4, at 9:00 pm**. The service will include kindling new fire to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, adult baptisms, and the first communion of Easter.

One Great Hour of Sharing, April 5



We will receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering Easter Day, April 5. One Great Hour of Sharing supports work serving individuals and communities confronted by many challenges: disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, migration, and refugee status. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. **Bring your fish-boxes and your generosity.**

10:30 am Choral Prelude, Easter Day, April 5

Old First's choir will again begin our Easter celebration, next Sunday, with a choral prelude at 10:30 am followed by worship at 11:00 am on Easter Day, April 5.

Festive Easter Coffee Hour Extravaganza, April 5

A festive Easter Coffee Hour Extravaganza will follow worship next Sunday, April 5. Please plan to **bring your favorite treat to share.**

Holy Week and Easter 2025

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 1100 California Street at Taylor
9:00 pm Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms and Communion

EASTER DAY, APRIL 5

Old First Presbyterian Church

10:30 am Choral Prelude – **11:00 am** Worship

We will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing** special offering on Easter Day. Remember to bring your well-fed **fish-boxes**.

We will close worship by congregational singing of the **Hallelujah chorus** from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*. Copies of the music will be available.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 12

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11:00 am Worship with Easter Hymn-Sing