

Alexandria Presbyterian Church

Good Friday

Friday, April 18th, 2025

7:30pm

The One We Pierced

Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to age 4.

A "crying room" with video simulcast is available in Room 112 on the main level.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Please be aware that this service will include both darkness and a silent dismissal.

Prelude for Meditation

Worship Team

Welcome

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Congregation stands

Call to Worship

John 13:1, 1:29

Leader: ¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

All: ²⁹**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

*My God, why would You shed Your blood, so pure and undefiled,
to make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?*

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in,
when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature's sin;
thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

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Prayer for Illumination

Congregation sits

Pierced with Betrayal

John 13:2, 21-38

One of You Will Betray Me

²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ... ²¹Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

A New Commandment

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

³⁶Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." ³⁷Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

Responsory: John 14:1, 6

(please read bolded text aloud)

Jesus, the One we pierced, says:

¹"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ⁶I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain

Adult Choir

Jesus died on Calvary's mountain, long time ago, and salvation's rolling fountain now freely flows.
Once His voices in tones of pity melted in woe, and He wept o'er Judah's city, long time ago.

On His head the dews of midnight fell, long ago; now a crown of dazzling sunlight sits on His brow.
Jesus died, yet lives forever, no more to die; bleeding Jesus, bleeding Savior, now reigns on high.

Children, let your lights be burning in hope of heav'n, waiting for the Lord's returning at dawn or ev'n.
When He comes, a voice from heaven shall pierce the tomb,
"Come, ye blessed of my Father; children, come home."

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Pierced with Arrest

John 18:1-12

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

Pierced with Desertion

John 18:15-18, 25-27

Peter Denies Jesus

¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, Savior of my life, You are so perfectly faithful in displaying Your steadfast love to me— yet I falter in blindness, unable to see You as my treasure. I confess that my sin has participated in Your death. My rebellion has made me one of Your scoffers. Pride has caused my heart to grow cold and cast You aside, denying You in favor of idols. I have deserted the Friend who gave His life for my sake.

As You did for Your disciples, please forgive my stubborn heart, and warm it again with fresh views of You. In Your grace, give me faith to hear Your words, willingness to treasure them, and joyfulness to carry them out. Only You can turn a deserter like me into a faithful lover; please make me a recipient and a vessel of Your matchless love. Amen.

Congregation stands

Words of Assurance

John 3:16-17

Jesus, the One we pierced, says:

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav’n’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil— Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
death has failed to be found equal to the life of Him who saves.
In the valley of our darkness dawned His everlasting light;
perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death’s hellish night.

That same Love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men,
lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages; radiant Sun of Heav’n, He stands
calling home His Father’s children, holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above
are the souls that He has ransomed— precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;
glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined.

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Pierced with Lawlessness

John 18:28-40

Jesus Before Pilate

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

My Kingdom Is Not of This World

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

Pierced with Thorns

John 19:1-16

Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Jesus, the One we pierced, says:

^{14:27} **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ^{16:33} In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”**

Congregation stands

Come, O Sinner

Come, O sinner; come and see Christ the Lord upon a tree.
See the crown of thorns adorn the King who labors to breathe in agony.
Come, O sinner; come and see what our God became to set us free.

Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He calls your sin His own.
Do you feel the weight of justice served? He suffers the wrath that you deserve.
Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He bears the curse for all you’ve done.

*O, the wonder of this awesome scene where our Savior bleeds!
O, the power of the love of God; come and stand in awe.*

Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Mercy fills this place of scorn,
for He dies to save His enemies, that all who draw near may know His peace.
Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Through the death of Christ, death is destroyed!

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Congregation sits

Pierced with Nails

John 19:16-24

The Crucifixion

¹⁶ So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

Pierced and Loving

John 19:24-27

²⁴ So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Responsory: John 15:10, 13

Jesus, the One we pierced, says:

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Congregation stands

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ—His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Congregation sits

Pierced and Triumphant

John 19:28-30

The Death of Jesus

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

It Is Finished

Worship Team

You looked into the endless void, the wonder yet to be,
and in the dark Your ageless voice spread out the galaxies.
A sea of stars before Your eyes— Your glory filled the newborn skies,
and You said, “It is good,” and the earth bears witness: It is finished.

You looked into the crucible that burned with agony;
You humbly chose the Father’s will and climbed to Calvary.
Your blood for all my sin poured out, Your final breath that shook the ground,
and You said, “It is done,” and Your scars bear witness: It is finished.

I look into the holy place, and through the open veil
I see my risen King of grace who pleads my pardon still.
My healing in Your sacrifice, my name within Your wounds inscribed,
and You say, “You are mine,” and Your love bears witness: It is finished.

I’ll look into eternity when sorrow’s seas have dried;
I’ll see the Lamb who died for me in beauty glorified.
With open arms, You’ll bring me home to bow in worship at Your throne,
and You’ll say, “Come and rest,” as my heart bears witness: It is finished.

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Pierced with a Spear

John 19:31-37

Jesus’ Side Is Pierced

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Meditation

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Adult Choir

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Your power to save.

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Draping of the Table

Congregation stands

The King in All His Beauty

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal;
behold the Lord of Majesty exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory,
come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters;
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.

As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury,
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor,
the hope of every tribe and tongue; His kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing;
for endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

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Extinguishing the Christ Candle

from John 13:1, 1:29

Leader: Jesus, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

All: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Darkness

Dismissal in Silence

*Please leave the worship service quietly,
reflecting on the events of Good Friday in eager expectation of Easter Sunday.*

***Alexandria Presbyterian Church would like to thank everyone
involved in our Good Friday service:***

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The Greeting Team

The Ushering Team

Join us for our Easter Services this Sunday, April 20th.

Service times are 9 and 11am at 1300 W Braddock Rd. Childcare is provided. A special time of fellowship will be held after each service.



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