



## Liturgy for Good Friday

12:00 pm  
April 3, 2026

Silent Prayer *(Please kneel if comfortable)*

Opening Acclamation and Collect BCP 276

First Lesson Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* Vv. 1-3 Hymnal 168

The Passion Gospel John 18:1-19:42

Silence

Homily The Rev. Les Carpenter

The Solemn Collects *(Standing)* BCP 277

Procession of the Cross

*Alas! Did My Savior Bleed* Choir

### Veneration of the Cross

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Collect BCP 282

## *Veneration of the Cross*



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