

The Church of the Good Shepherd



**Good
Friday**

April 3, 2026
7:00 pm Service



We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our Good Friday worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome at Good Shepherd, whoever you are, just as you are!

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



ASSISTING MINISTERS
GOOD FRIDAY
7PM
<p><u>READERS:</u> SG PRESTON BECKY RYDER</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p>

Service begins in silence. (When the presider kneels, all kneel as able.)

Presider: Blessed be our God.

People: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Opening Prayer *(please remain kneeling as you are able)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

Presider and People:

**Almighty God,
look with loving mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ lived his life,
and suffered death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13 –53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals — so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by

God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 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, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Response After The Reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 22:1-21

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 22 responsively by half verse

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *

**and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?**

² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *

by night as well, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are the Holy One, *

enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴ Our forefathers put their trust in you; *

they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered; *

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶ But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *

scorned by all and despised by the people.

- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
**they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.**
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
**they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

The Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand as able. See separate booklet. Those taking part in the reading of Passion Gospel, please stand when it's time to read your part.

The Message *(please be seated)*

Solemn Collects *(please stand as you are able)*

Veneration of the Cross

All are invited to come forward to venerate the cross. You may touch it, pause before it, or bow to it in respect and thanksgiving for the ultimate love it symbolizes. Please be seated when you return to your pew.

Veneration Music: "Lead Us To The Cross" One License #A-711854
Chris Muglia

Anthem following the veneration of the cross: *(please remain seated)*

"Then I Will" CCLI License #20734687
Lauren Daigle and Jason Ingram

The Confession of Sin *(please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider and People:

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Music: "All For Love" *(see page 7)*

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you.
Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service,
and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Post Communion Song: "Were You There" *(see page 6)*

*After the song, all leave the church in sacred silence.
There is no formal end to the service.*

"Were You There"

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1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: African American Spiritual

“All For Love”

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Verses



1. We hun - ger for our God, we thirst to be
 2. And in your sac - ri - fice, for - give - ness gent -
 3. The an - gels and the saints, the low - ly and



1. re - newed, we wait in joy - ful hope and make
 2. - ly comes. In - to our ev - ery doubt you make
 3. the least, you gath - er to your - self in this



1. our way to you.
 2. your way to us. } As we re - ceive, we re - ceive.
 3. e - ter - nal feast.

Refrain



In this bread, in this cup, bro - ken and poured out



all for us: You the bod - y, you the blood,



bro - ken and poured out all for love. All for love.



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