

Good Friday? What is good about the innocent one nailed to a cross? What is good about the darkness of war that persists today? What is good about our devastation of the planet?...about people living in poverty?...about the fog of addiction, depression, disease and despair? What is good about the crushing weight of hunger, racism, scapegoating, apathy? No, there is nothing good and desirable in these things. Yet you, O God, are Good. When suffering reigns, yours is the first heart to break. When we feel overcome by guilt, we remember that you spoke grace to a thief. Your love for us is just that boundless, and ever-present, and good. Thank you. What else can we say here, in the dimness, in the darkness, but thank you. Amen.

The Shadow of Crucifixion

and Humiliation Matthew 27:27-37 Matthew DeWever

Hymn #219 *He Never Said a Mumblin' Word, vs. 1*

The Shadow of Lament John 19:25b-27 Alexis Mahaffey

Hymn #219 *He Never Said a Mumblin' Word, vs. 2-3*

The Shadow of Persecution Luke 23:39-43 Joseph Robert

Hymn #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This, vs. 1*

The Shadow of Death Matthew 27:45-51 Tami Jacob

Silence

The Shadow of Burial John 19:38-42 Thomas Sorrels

Solo *Were You There?*
Anghaarad Teague Dees

Depart in Silence

And return Easter morning at 10am for Worship.



Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church
Welcoming All
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Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.

For more than a century, Quaker Memorial has been committed to our mission of Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives. If you are seeking a church that offers abundant opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and Christian witness, we believe that you will find a home here.

Good Friday Service

April 3, 2026

Prelude *At the Ninth Hour* Ritter

Welcome and Instructions for the Night

Choral Introit *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship Larry Epperson

Jesus, we wait here by your tomb carrying our grief;
the grief of the betrayer,
the grief of the denier,
the grief of the crucifiers.
We carry the grief of the lost, the heartbroken, the bereft.
Upon you was laid the grief of us all.

(Silence)

It is finished.

God of endings, God of darkness,
God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss,
Be with us now as we stand at the cross.
Be with us now as we wait with Jesus.

*Hymn #216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Prayer of the Night Larry Epperson

God of mystery and wonder, because we know the ending of the story, it's tempting for us to ignore the darkness of this day. It's tempting for us to go about our business as usual. It's tempting for us to move too quickly to the dawn of light on Easter morning. But give us courage and strength on this day to live for a while in the darkness, to set aside comfort and pleasure, to feel the darkness in which so many of your children dwell, the darkness into which your son Jesus entered. Christ goes to the tomb to usher in new life.

We trust that we too will be raised to new life, in this world, here and now, and in the mystery of what lies beyond physical death. We trust that the whole world will be born anew, that your kingdom is coming as a new heaven and a new earth. On this day of darkness, we pray. Amen.

Anthem On the Via Dolorosa Wagner

Chancel Choir

The Service of Shadows

The Shadow of Promise John 13:31-38 Sally Sease
Hymn #218 *Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 1-2*

The Shadow of Suffering Isaiah 52:13-53:5 Michelle Lee
Hymn #218 *Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 3-5*

The Shadow of Betrayal Luke 22:1-6 Skip Wodke
Hymn #212 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, vs. 1-2*

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit Matthew 26:36-44 Myra Garbee
Hymn #220 *Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 1*

The Shadow of Arrest Mark 14:43-49 Alexis Mahaffey
Hymn #220 *Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 2*

The Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:56 Joseph Robert
Kyrie Gail Midkiff
Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Shadow of Denial Luke 22:54-62 Gail Midkiff
Hymn #221 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded, vs. 1*

The Shadow of Condemnation Mark 14:53-66 Laura Robert
Hymn #221 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded, vs. 2-3*

The Shadow of Truth John 18:33-40 Julie Burnett

Unison Prayer

O Holy God, the hosannas have died away, the palm branches have turned brittle. Now, today, there is only this - each of us, all of us, sitting in the darkness, the hymns of lament in the air, the mumblings of our own feeble confession, on this Friday which we tremble to call Good. What is good about