

Good Friday

April 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.

Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

In the case of the Servant, death ushers him into sovereign dignity and power, with his own hand administering the saving purposes of the Lord, and as victor taking the spoil.

J. Alec Motyer

Prelude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

J.S. Bach

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.; Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Welcome and Announcements

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Invocation

Hymn No. 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,**
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷ **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ **Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- ¹⁹ **then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Individual Confession of Sin

The Humility of Christ

Mark 10:45

**For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ **For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die**

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

¹¹ **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Christ Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

Hymn No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

We respond in gratitude for God’s blessing

The Prayers of God’s People and the Lord’s Prayer (**in unison**)

Special Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. James A. Green
The Aisquith Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count by loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

We are nourished by God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53

Pew Bible pg. 613

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He

was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Sermon

“The Servant Suffers”

Pastor Ceselsky

Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn

The Power of the Cross

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O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**This the pow’r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

O to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev’ry bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning Your blood stained brow.

Refrain

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life –
“Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

Refrain

O, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!

This the pow’r of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg. 740**)

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Postlude

Beneath the Cross

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Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord’s grace during the Postlude.

Announcements

We welcome Pastor Bryant Park, and the members of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church as we gather in worship this evening.

Sermon Notes

Date: April 3, 2026

Text: Isaiah 53

Sermon Title: “The Servant Suffers”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God’s Servant suffered to make us God’s Sons.

Main Point 1: The Servant’s Nature.

Point 1: Common.

Point 2: Divine.

Main Point 2: The Sinner’s Rejection.

Point 1: Gone astray.

Point 2: Not Believed.

Point 3: Despised and Rejected.

Point 4: Cut off.

Main Point 3: The Father's Resolution.

Point 1: Our sin is imputed to Christ.

Point 2: Christ's righteousness is imputed to us.

Point 3: Substitutionary Atonement.