



GOOD FRIDAY

First Parish Church, Manchester by the Sea, MA

April 3, 2026

12:00 P.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME: Rev. Katherine Schofield

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross.

Many: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

One: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

Many: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

One: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

Many: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: 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. Amen.**

HYMN # 226

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Sonata II from "The Seven Last Words of Our Savior on the Cross"

Franz Joseph Haydn

"Father, forgive them..."

Luke 23:32-34

"Today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43

"Here is your son."

John 19:25-27

"Why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:45-48

"I am thirsty."

John 19: 28-29

"It is finished."

John 19:30

"Into your hands..."

Luke 23:44-46

HYMN #223

"What Wondrous Love is This"

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Laid in the Tomb, Sealed with a Stone

BENEDICTION