

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

OPENING MUSIC #85 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*
(verses 1 & 2, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this holy week, on this holy night,

We come to be present with Jesus in his suffering.

With the glory of Palm Sunday behind us and the victory of Easter not yet come,

We gather in the stillness, our hearts breaking.

In this world that is at once beautiful and holy and tragic,

We seek to be present with all who suffer.

When sorrow threatens to overwhelm,

We long for a brave and sacred space—

A space where we can listen and sing and pray,

A space to sit with our grief and our questions.

Let us be that space for each other tonight. As we remember the story together.

HYMN #85 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*
(verses 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way. We have sinned and have been the cause of Christ’s suffering. Please forgive us, we pray. Remove the sins that distance us from you and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed. Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another. Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger. Forgive us please. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord. And renew in us a right spirit. Amen. (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

HYMN #2200

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”
(sing three times, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

GOD’S GRACE AND PROMISE

We remember today, Christ's blood freely flowing down the cross, setting us free! We are forgiven for our sinful ways by the richness of God's grace.

This is Good News. We are a forgiven people.

FIRST READING

HYMN #92

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

SECOND READING

ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”

THIRD READING

HYMN #275

“The Old Rugged Cross”
(verses 1, 2, & 4, Hymns of Grace)

FOURTH READING

HYMN #98

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

FIFTH READING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #101

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

SIXTH READING

HYMN #102

“Were You There?”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

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Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:55 AM
on the front steps of the church
(Please remember to bring flowers for the cross.)

Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise Service
in the Fellowship Hall

No Sunday School

The Celebration of the Resurrection with Communion
at 10:00 AM in the Church Sanctuary
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be received



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Bethpage Presbyterian Church Sanctuary