



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word

Good Friday

Order of Worship

April 3, 2026

TENEBRAE

*Worshippers are requested to enter
the sanctuary quietly and meditate in silence.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes*

Jesus, in the dying woes, even while thy life-blood flows,
Craving pardon for thy foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue when our sins thy pangs renew
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need, be like thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. Almighty God, **look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

Reading of the Passion of Jesus according to St. John

John 18:1-11

The First Candle is extinguished.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (Stanzas 1 & 2)

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r.
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Silence

John 18:12-27

The Second Candle is extinguished.

Hymn ***Our Father, We Have Wandered*** (Stanza 1)

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
As, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

Silence

John 18:28-40

The Third Candle is extinguished.

Hymn ***Ah, Holy Jesus*** (Stanzas 1 & 2)

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Silence

John 19:1-7

The Fourth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn ***Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** (Stanza 1)

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown.
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

Silence

John 19:8-16a

The Fifth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn ***Were You There*** (Stanza 1)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh --- sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Silence

John 19:16b-22

The Sixth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn ***Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** (Stanza 2)

How pale thou art, with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
How does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Silence

John 19:23-25a

The Seventh Candle is extinguished.

Hymn ***Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** (Stanza 3)

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Silence

John 19:25b-30

The "Christ" Candle is extinguished and removed.

Silence

John 19:31-42

Hymn ***Were You There*** (Stanza 5)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh --- sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Silence

Prayers

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church throughout the world.

Silent prayer

[After each petition the minister will say, "We ask this through Christ our Lord."
Please respond, **Amen**]

Let us pray for our pastor and other ministers, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen**

Procession and Veneration of the Cross

*A large, rough-hewn cross is carried in and placed in the chancel.
As the procession begins, halfway to the altar, and then as the procession ends
at the altar, the following response is said three times:*

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
Oh, come, let us worship him.

A period of silence is kept.

*Those who desire may come forward to offer a sign of reverence,
such as touching the cross, kneeling briefly, or bowing.*

The service ends with these words:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The congregation departs in silence.

Liturgy and hymns taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship copyright © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress, and Lutheran Book of Worship ©1978 admin. Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and streamed under ONE LICENSE #A-730066. "Arise, My Soul, Arise," ©2012, 2015 Beckenhorst Press Inc.. used by permission of CCLI Streaming License #2735566.

Worship Participants

Presiding Minister - Rev. David Smedley
Director of Music – Sandy Hunter
Greeters – Ann & Jim Berman
Lector – Vicki Christensen
Lector – Judy Kruger
Acolyte – Carol Townsend
Cross Bearer – Mark Weber

Hope Lutheran Church

Ministering in His Mountains



3295 Old Hwy 5 South
Ellijay, GA 30540
Telephone: 706.636.4673 (HOPE)
Email: hope.elca.ellijay@gmail.com
Web site: www.hopeonthehill.church

Pastor: Rev. David Smedley
Ministers: The People of Hope Church

*"Making Christ known through reaching, welcoming,
praising, equipping and sending"*