



## *Good Friday Service*

DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

APRIL 18, 2025

God has chosen to save the world through the cross, through the shameful and powerless death of the crucified Messiah. If that shocking event is the revelation of the deepest truth about the character of God, then our whole way of seeing the world is turned upside down... all values are transformed... God refuses to play games of power and prestige on human terms.

Richard B. Hays

God hold us to that which drew us first, when the cross was the attraction, and we wanted nothing else.

Amy Carmichael

## **Prelude**

### **†Responsive Call to Worship**

**from Isaiah 53**

Leader: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**People: Surely, he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,

**People: And with his stripes we are healed.**

### **†Song**

**By His Wounds**

### **Reading 1**

**Matthew 27:15-26**

### **Prayer of Lament**

**Pastor Scott Phillips**

**People: *Lord, have mercy!***

### **Song**

**O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

### **Reading 2**

**Matthew 27:27-31**

### **Prayer of Lament**

**Tucker Fleming**

**People: *Christ, have mercy!***

### **Song**

**Man Of Sorrows**

### **Reading 3**

**Matthew 27:32-44**

### **Prayer of Lament**

**Jesse Pawley**

**People: *Lord, have mercy!***

### **Song**

**Were You There?**

†Reading 4

Matthew 27:45-54

†Prayer of Lament

Pastor Rick Stark

†People: *Christ, have mercy!*

†Song

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Homily

*No Ordinary Friday*

Pastor Rick Stark

†Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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, forever and ever. Amen.

†Song

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

†Benediction

Pastor Rick Stark

*We meet again for worship on Resurrection morning.*

†Please Stand

**Resurrection Sunday Service**  
**April 20, 2025 A.D.**  
**8:15am & 10:45am**