# ST. PAUL'S

## PRESBYTERIAN

*For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples*

# Good Friday Service

Good Friday Evening
April 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
PASSION CHORALE

**Call to Worship** From Psalm 41

Minister: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**Unison:** **Almighty God, we pray that you would graciously behold this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

† *congregation standing*
¤ *congregation kneeling*

† **Hymn** — Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy
Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #259 — BRYN CALFARIA

† **Old Testament Reading** — Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Pew Bible, pages 613 and 614

**Anthem of Conviction** — Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs
G.F. Handel
From Messiah

*Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows!*
*He was wounded for our transgressions,*
*He was bruised for our iniquities.*
*The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. (Isaiah 53:4-5)*

† **The Passion of Our Lord** — According to John 19
Pew Bible, pages 905
*The congregation will rise at verse 28*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Homily** — Dr. Zachary Cole

HOLY WEEK:
*Behold the Man*

† **Hymn** — He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions
Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #244 — OAK PARK

*The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross is an ancient text of Western Christianity traditionally used at the end of the Good Friday service. The reproaches follow the pattern of Psalm 78, rehearsing the story of God's faithfulness and his people's rebellion.*

# Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

*The congregation is invited to kneel and respond with "Have mercy upon us."*

O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you? Testify against me.
I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
**Have mercy upon us.**

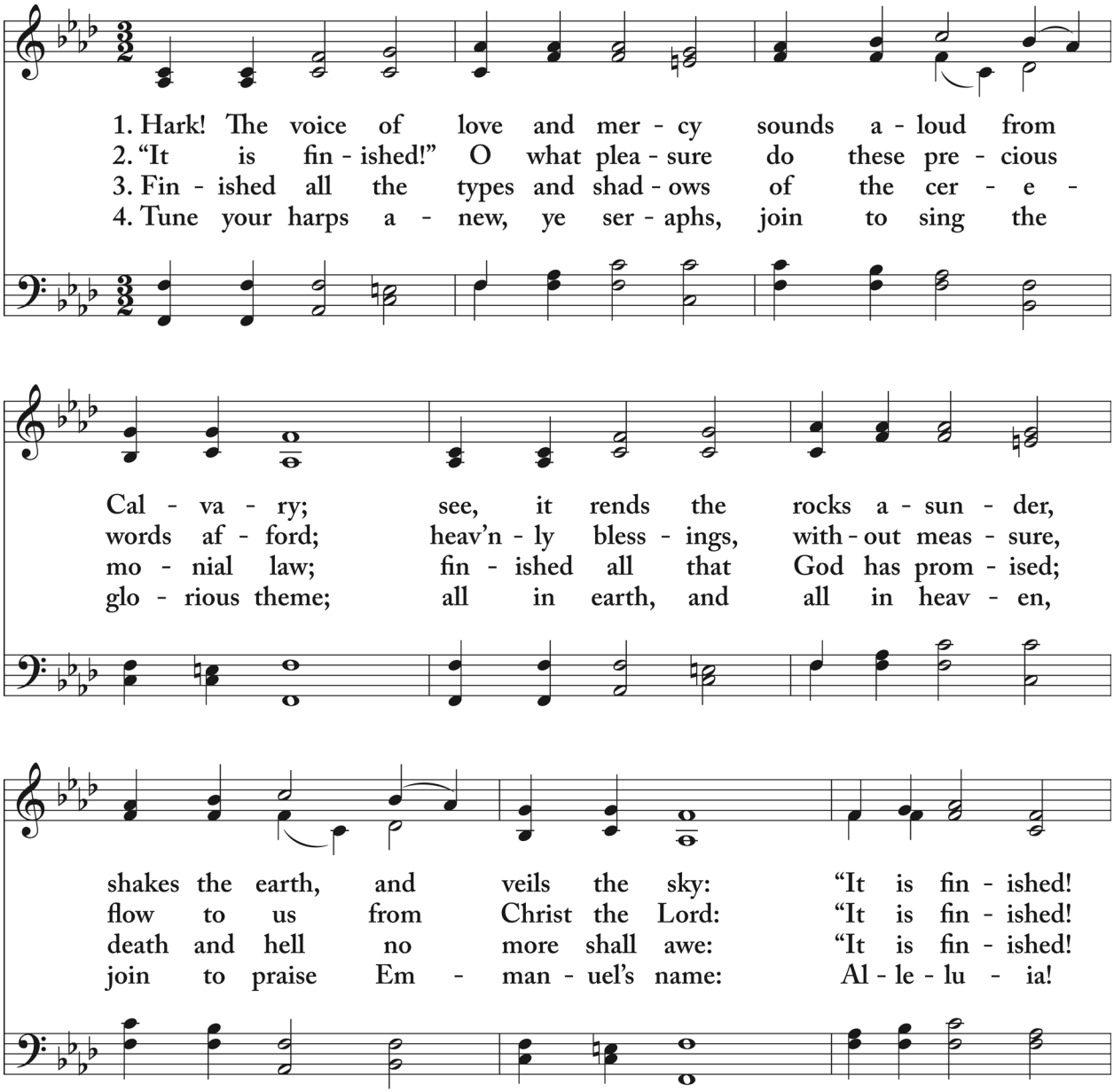
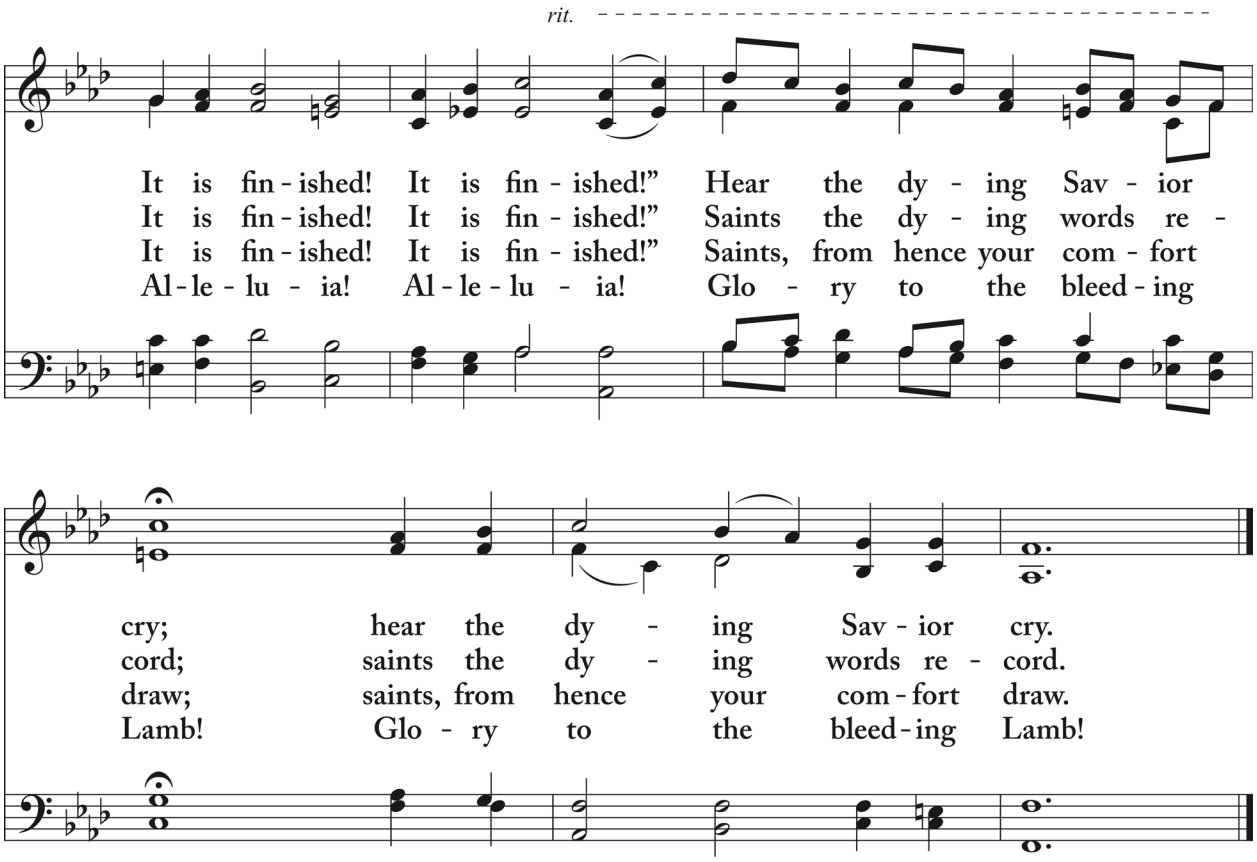
Minister: Let us pray.

**Unison:** **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we ask you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; to your holy Church, peace and concord; and to us sinners, everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Postlude** Jesus, Lover of My Soul
ABERYSTWYTH

*Please exit the Sanctuary silently.*

# Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy

*Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*
John 19:30

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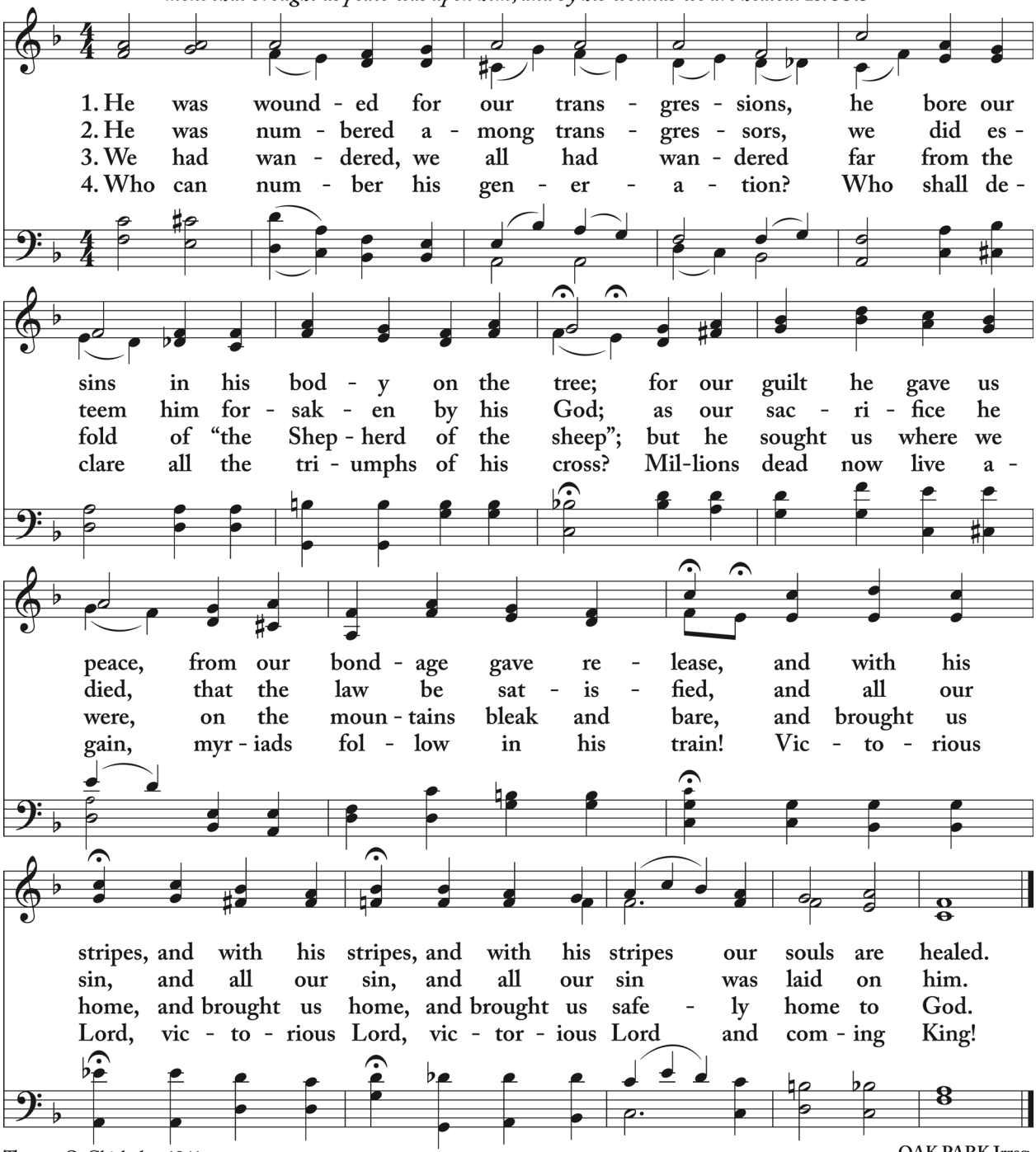
William Owen, 1852

# He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

*He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.* Is. 53:5

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1941

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OAK PARK Irreg.
Merrill Dunlop, 1941; alt. 1990

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