

I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

Holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

Holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING TO BENEFIT LIVING FAITH FOOD PANTRY
"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS"**

Hal Hopson

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH No. 95

****OFFERING PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN**

"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"

UMH 504

SENT TO SERVE

****BENEDICTION**

Rev. Michele Engh

****POSTLUDE**

"O, Holy Jesus"

John Ferguson



Ecumenical Worship

Friday, April 3, 2026

1:00 pm

**Viroqua United Methodist Church
221 S. Center Ave.
Viroqua, WI**

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April 3, 2026

Good Friday

Ecumenical Worship — 1:00 pm

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "MEDITATION ON PASSION CHORALE" Fred Bock

WELCOMING WORDS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Followers of Jesus, today we arrive at Pilate's palace, hearing the cries of "Crucify! Crucify" from the crowds outside.

P: We come to witness Jesus, sentenced to death by religious leaders, government officials, and the crowd.

L: Today, we arrive at Golgotha, at the foot of the cross where only a few of Jesus' followers dared to gather to bear witness.

P: We come to witness Jesus, crucified for teaching love, speaking truth, and forgiving sins.

L: Today, we arrive at the tomb where Jesus' friends laid his body, a final act of love.

P: We come to witness Jesus, his death a testament to all that sin and evil will do to resist the power of Love to transform the world.

L: Today, we arrive at Good Friday to remember, once again, the story of Jesus crucified.

P: We come to witness Jesus, who, even in death, shows us the magnitude of God's steadfast love that never fails.

**HYMN "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS" UMH No. 297

PRAYER FOR THE DAY Rev. Christopher Rajkumar

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY JOHN 18:1–19:42

CHOIR ANTHEM "O COME AND MOURN" Hal Hopson

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Lee

MEDITATION AT THE CROSS

**HYMN

"LAMB OF GOD"

TFWS No. 2113

CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? 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.

Holy God, have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

Holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

Holy God, 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 hanged me on the cross.

Holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

Holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance.

Holy God, have mercy upon us.