

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday



En el nártex hay disponibles dispositivos de asistencia auditiva e instrucciones para el servicio de traducción (inglés-español). Por favor, diríjase a un acomodador si necesita ayuda más información

We acknowledge that our Sanctuaries sit on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula. We recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland, and we affirm their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

Order of Service

Spoken together | Music | Sung together

At the front of the sanctuary, you see faces of those whose lives were cut short at the hands of government violence, lost to ICE action and detention. We hold these individuals in love because this is what we do on Good Friday: mourn those taken too soon by the powers of this world. Jesus died on a Roman cross, a state execution. In his dying, he embodied the nonviolent resistance he taught. Tonight, we remember him. And, we remember them.

Prelude

Congregational Church of the Peninsula Band

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jessica Vacketta
Congregational Church of San Mateo

Call to Worship

Leader: At the cross, we see clearly.

All: Violence and love, side by side.

Leader: The world wounds.

All: Jesus heals.

Leader: The world condemns.

All: Jesus forgives.

Leader: This is the Good News:

All: Love does not retaliate.

♪ **Opening Hymn**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

#485, 1, 3, 4

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in you.
I give you back the life I owe,
that in your ocean depths its flow may swell with ardor true.

O Joy that seeks me through my pain, to you I cannot close my heart;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and know the promise is not vain that you will ne'er depart.

O Cross that raises up my head, from you I dare not seek to flee;
Life's glories wither and are dead,
But from the ground there blossoms red, life shall that endless be.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Michael Cronin
Island United Church of Foster City

♪ **Centering Song**

Wait for the Lord

Congregation

Taize

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:32-34

Rev. Andrea V. Howard-Washington
Trinity Baptist Church, San Mateo

Reflection

Special Music

When Our Song Says Peace

Combined Choir
CCP Band

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:39-43

Rev. Rhina Ramos
Associate Conference Minister of Justice & Witness and Anti-Racism, NCNC UCC

Reflection

♪ **Centering Song**

Jesus, Remember Me

Congregational

Taize

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Scripture Reading John 19:25-27 Rev. Michael Cronin
Island United Church, Foster City

Reflection

Special Music *Ave Verum* Combined Choir & Piano
Mozart

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:45-46 Rev. Jim Mitulski,
Congregational Church of the Peninsula, Belmont

Reflection

Special Music *Nature Boy* Soloists & Band
The King Cole Trio

Scripture Reading John 19:28-29 Rev. Dr. Marlyn Bussey
St. James AME Zion, San Mateo

Reflection

🎵 **Congregational Hymn** ***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** #226

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown,
How pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does your visage languish which once was bright as morn!

What you, dear Savior, suffered was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior, for I deserve your place;
Look on me with your favor, O grant to me your grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend;
For this your dying sorrow, your pity without end?
May I be yours forever; and though my days be few,
O Savior, let me never outlive my love for you!

Join us for Easter!

College Heights Church - United Church of Christ

1150 W. Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo

10:00am Easter Celebration

<https://www.collegeheights.us/>

Congregational Church of the Peninsula

751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont

10:30am Easter service of Holy Communion *(followed by Easter egg hunt)*

<https://www.ccpensinsula.org/>

Congregational Church of San Mateo

225 Tilton Ave, San Mateo

6:30 am Sunrise Service · 10:30 am Traditional Worship *(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)*

4:00pm Servico Tradicional Espanol *(followed by Easter Potluck)*

<https://ccsm-ucc.org/>

Island United Church of Foster City

1130 Balclutha Dr (at Comet), Foster City

10:00 am Easter Celebration

<https://iucfc.org/>

St. James AME Zion of San Mateo

825 Monte Diablo Avenue, San Mateo

11:00 am Easter Celebration

<https://www.stjamesanmateo.org/>

Trinity Baptist Church of San Mateo

39 E. 39th Ave., San Mateo

10:00 am Easter Celebration

<https://trinitybcsm.org/>