



The Worship of God
Tuesday before Easter
March 31, 2026 at Noon

Park Cities Presbyterian Church
Dallas, Texas

Order for the Worship of God

Please use this time to silently prepare and pray.

Music for Meditation

Mary Preston, organ

O Lord God, whose blessed Son, our Savior, gave His back to the smiters and hid not His face from shame; grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

Call to Worship: Psalm 43, *Trinity Hymnal, page 801*

The Rev. Robert Rucker

Hymn No. 252

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

Prayer

Mr. Rucker

Please be seated.

Musical Meditation

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Hayden Ponder, *vocalist* • Nathan Davy, *piano*

Dan Forrest

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:57-68; 27:18; John 11:49-50

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Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.

⁵⁸ And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death,

⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward

⁶¹ and said, "This Man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?"

⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy.

⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

⁶⁷ Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him,

⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?"

^{27:18} For he (*Pilate*) knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him up.

John 11:49-50

But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all.

⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one Man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."

Please be seated.

Meditation “Through the Envious Eyes of Caiaphas” The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

Silent Prayer

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 254 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” *MARTYRDOM*

Solemn Dismissal

Leader: 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.

**People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.**

All depart in silence.