



The Worship of God
Wednesday before Easter
April 1, 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

Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Assist us mercifully with Thy help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby Thou hast given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

Call to Worship: Psalm 56, Trinity Hymnal, page 805

The Rev. Robert Rucker

Hymn No. 708

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

ST. MARGARET

Prayer

Mr. Rucker

Please be seated.

Musical Meditation

“Were You There?”
Andrea Miller, *vocalist*

Traditional Spiritual

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 27:15-26

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.

¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him up.

¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream."

²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!"

²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let Him be crucified!"

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to it yourselves."

²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

Meditation

“Through the Free Eyes of Barabbas” The Rev. Tommy Overton

Silent Prayer

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 247

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

Solemn Dismissal

Minister: 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.

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

All depart in silence.