

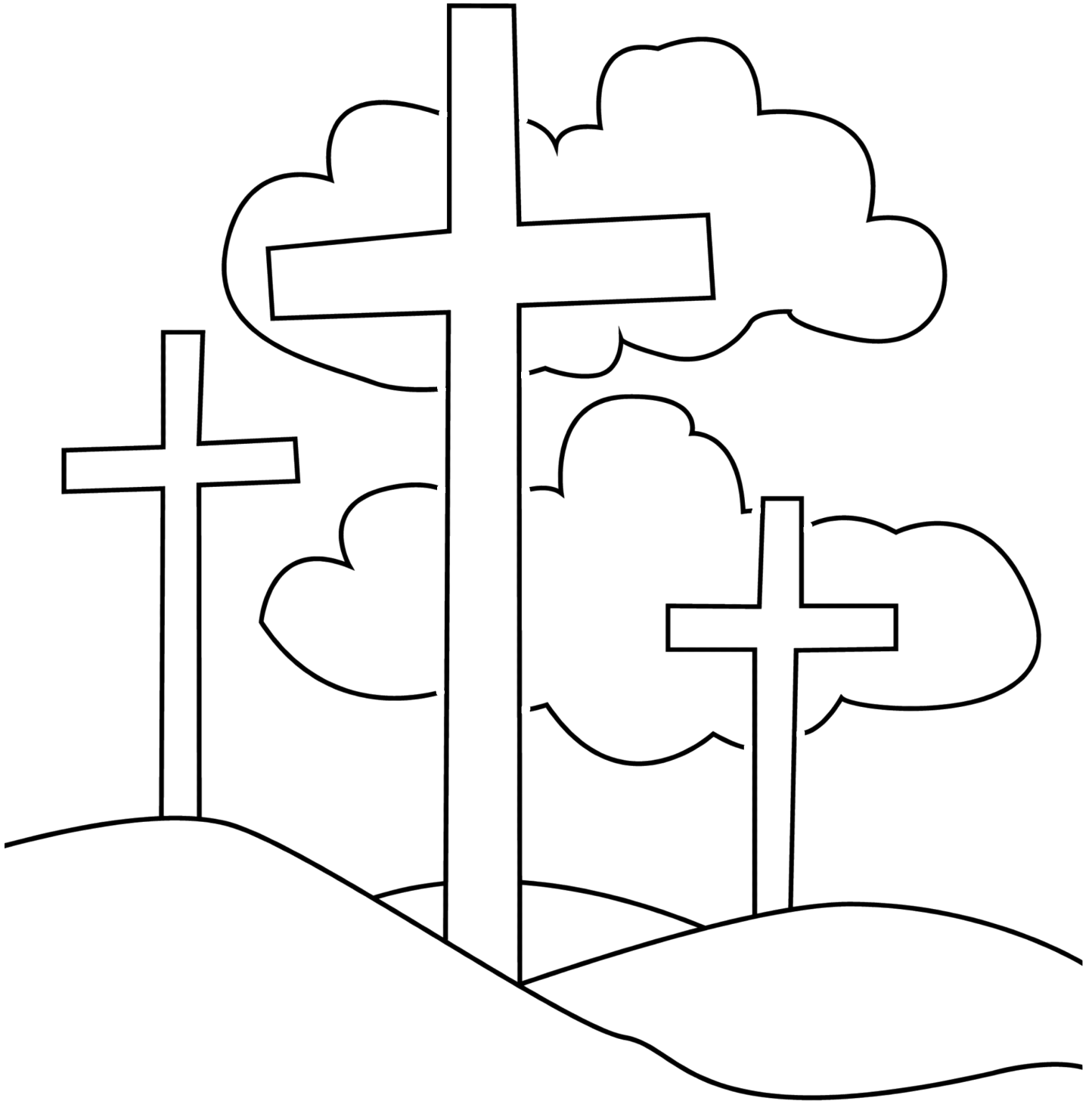
## Good Friday Children's Worship

Friday, April 3, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Jesus said, "God, the work you gave me to do here is finished." – John 19:30

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*Jesus loves you with a love that never ends.  
Jesus loved you before you were born, and he will continue to love you forever.*

## Welcome

### Good Friday Call and Response

John 3:16 and lyrics to *Jesus Loves Me*

God loved the world so much. **Jesus loves me.**

God gave his one and only Son. **This I know, for the Bible tells me so.**

Anyone who believes in him will not die, but will have eternal life. **Yes, Jesus loves me!**

### Greeting

May the love and grace of God be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Loving God, it is hard to understand why we call this day “good” when it is the day Jesus died. Help us to see this day as part of God’s bigger story of love. Your love means life for us and the whole world. Even though this day may seem sad, help us to remember that you are always with us and that you have a wonderful surprise waiting for us on Easter Sunday. **Amen**

### Anthem

*We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder*

arr. Joe Cox

### Psalm 22—A Paraphrase

*Jesus quoted the first line of this Psalm from the cross, and he knew the whole Psalm. Listen for words that tell how Jesus might have felt and for words that might have given him comfort and hope.*

My God, where are you? Why have you abandoned me?

Day and night I cry out, but you are silent.

Still, you are the Holy One.

Do not leave me,

you who have kept me safe from the day I was born.

Save me, O Lord, come and help me.

Yes! You have answered me! Praise the Lord! I will tell everyone and praise your name.

God does not ignore the poor and suffering ones, he listens to those who cry to him.

All the world shall turn to God in worship and praise together.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Guide Us, Lord*

Mark Patterson

Choir and Congregation:

*refrain*

Help us know you more clear\_ ly, help us love you more  
dear - ly, help us fol - low you more near - ly day by  
day, day by day. Guide us Lord, we pray.

### Sharing the Gospel

Pastor Makayla Dahleen and  
Children, Youth and Family Team



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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### Prayers of the People

God of love, from the cross you forgave every person that hurt you. Help us to forgive and help us to not hurt other people. Help us to live lives of love and kindness wherever we go.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, many people are suffering and hurting today. Comfort those who are in pain, those who are sad and lonely, and those missing their loved ones. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for peace in our communities, in our country and throughout the world. Help us to see everyone as your beloved children. Grant peace throughout the world.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of new life, your death was not the end but a new beginning. Help us to live without fear and trust in your amazing grace. Lead us to show your love with all the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

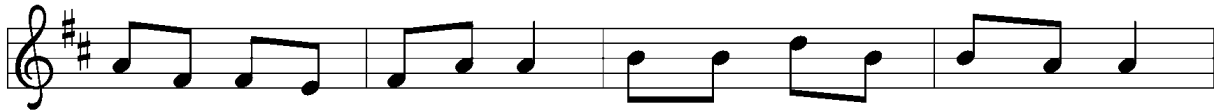
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me*

Red Hymnal #595

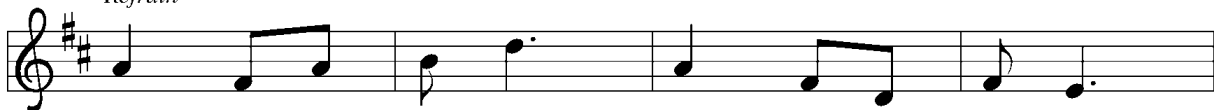


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

### *Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

*On Good Friday, the benediction and postlude are omitted and the service concludes with these words:*

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus loves you!

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Amen**

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## Worship Participants

### Assisting Ministers

Ari Messerli  
Graham Foss  
Quinn Shutt

### Musicians

Dynamic Deacons  
Chancel Choir  
Celina Kobetitsch  
Samuel Grace

## Children, Youth & Family Staff

Kathy Hagedorn, Early Childhood Ministry  
Norah Long, Children's & Music Ministry  
Trish Arndt, Children's Ministry Special Events  
Charlie Olson, Middle School Ministry  
Olsen Pancoast, High School & Young Adult Ministry

### Pastor

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

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