

**Good Friday  
Bryan Jones  
April 3, 2026**

**Welcome and Invitation | Bryan Jones**

**PRAYER | Bryan Jones**

**The Wonderful Cross | Hayley Glen**

**Scripture 1 | Maria Pryor**

*He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down . And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.*

**Isaiah 53:3-6 (NLT)**

**Reader: He was pierced for our transgressions.**

**Response: By His wounds we are healed.**

- Extinguish Candle 1
- VIOLIN Interlude ("Were You There..." theme in D) while next scripture reader walks to stage.

**Scripture 2 | Jeff Gaffney**

*Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.*

**John 13:1-2 (NLT)**

**Reader: Even knowing what was coming, He loved them to the very end.  
Response: His steadfast love endures forever.**

- Extinguish candle 2

**Jesus Paid It All | Erin Owens**

**At the Cross (Love Ran Red) | Chase Mantooth**

**THE TABLE | J.C. Thompson**

The night before Jesus was crucified, he sat a table with His disciples to participate in a Passover meal.

This was typically a meal shared with family. A meal to remember. This was a reminder that God has delivered His people from slavery in Egypt, that judgment passed over them because of a lamb.

But this night, something different is happening.

As they sat together as friends, Jesus reveals that one of them will betray Him.

What stands out to me in this moment isn't just the betrayal, but the restraint of Jesus.

This is the same Jesus who calmed storms with a word, who fed thousands with a few loaves, who commanded demons and they obeyed.

All authority and power, fully present in Jesus.

Jesus sits at this table with those He loves, even with the one who will betray Him, knowing exactly what is ahead.

Not because He is powerless to stop what is coming, but because He is willing. Jesus is not losing His life; He is giving it.

So at this table, He begins to explain what His death will mean.

## **COMMUNION | J.C. Thompson**

The bread would be the body of the Bread of Life Himself, beaten and broken for their behalf.

The blood of the Lamb, would be Jesus' blood, poured out for the sins of the world.

He offers Himself.

Not only to those sitting with Him that night, but to you.

Tonight, as we come to the table, we are reminded that Jesus willingly gave Himself. He held nothing back so that we might receive forgiveness, be restored, and brought into the family of God.

So don't rush this moment. Sit in it. Let's pray and ask that God would remind you not only of His restraint in our lives but also His willing sacrifice for you.

### **[Bread]**

Take your bread. This is Christ's body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Him.

### **[Cup]**

Take your cup. This is Christ's blood. Shed for you. Take this in remembrance of Him.

## **Scripture 3 | J.C. Thompson**

*On the way, Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there."*

**Mark 14:27-28 (NLT)**

**Reader: Father, give us hearts that trust You.**

**Response: Not my will, but Yours be done.**

- Extinguish Candle 3

## **Oh The Blood w/ Your Great Name Tag | Hayley Glenn**

### **Scripture 4 | Aaron Jackson**

*They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, “Sit here while I go and pray.” He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”*

**Mark 14:32-36 (NLT)**

**Reader: They all condemned Him as deserving death.**

**Response: Worthy is the Lamb.**

- Extinguish candle 4
- CELLO Interlude (“How Great Thou Art” – Chorus) for Next Scripture Entrance

### **Scripture 5 | Steve Young**

*But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I AM. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they all cried. “He deserves to die!”*

**Mark 14:61-64 (NLT)**

**Reader: He is the Messiah, the Son of God.**

**Response: Jesus paid it all.**

- Extinguish candle 5

## **Lead Me To The Cross | Erin Owens**

### **Video | The Way of the Cross**

### **THE CROSS | Bryan Jones**

Growing up, one of my absolute favorite games was *Guess Who*. If you've played, you know you try to guess which character the other player has through a series of questions.

Tonight, I want you to see who it was that killed Jesus.

#### **1.) The Roman Soldiers and Pilate**

The Romans were the ones who carried out the sentence. Crucifixion was one horrible thing.

They placed a crown... many scholars think it was a helmet of thorns. I took a picture a while ago of a crown of thorns made from Bethlehem thorns; they are three inches thick and as hard as nails when they harden. He was beaten with whips that tore His flesh. He carried His own cross. He was nailed to the cross...

And it says that He was given a sponge of wine vinegar to drink to numb the pain. But this wasn't an act of compassion. A soldier used a sponge in his field kit, as one today uses toilet paper... this is how they cleaned up after going to the bathroom... and then they gave it to Jesus.

*"Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!" Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"*

**Matthew 27:23-24 (NLT)**

## **2.) The Jewish Priests**

*“You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead.”*

### **Acts 3:13b-15 (NIV)**

Jesus had threatened their way of life. Their power. Their authority. He called them whitewashed tombs. He claimed to be equal with God, which was blasphemy to them.

They felt threatened by Jesus. He undermined their way of life, their hold, and their power over the people.

## **3.) Judas**

Just as He was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

Jesus was betrayed in the garden by a kiss. What ended up leading to this betrayal, the writer John says, was that monetary greed finally overtook him. Judas chose money over Jesus.

Some people say it was the Romans that killed Jesus, some say it was the Jewish leaders and Pilate, others say it was Judas.... But guess who also crucified Jesus...

## **4.) You**

You and I aren't just spectators; we are also participants... Try as we might, like Pilate, to wash our hands of Jesus' death, we simply cannot. There is blood on our hands.

*But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.*

### **Isaiah 53:5-6 (NLT)**

Said another way, the cross wasn't something just done for us; it was something done by us.

John Stott says this:

*We resent his intrusions into our privacy, his demand for our allegiance, his expectation of our obedience. Why can't he mind his own business and leave us alone? So we too perceive him as a threatening rival, who disturbs our peace, upsets our status quo, undermines our authority, and diminishes our self-respect. We too want to get rid of him.*

Honestly, the older I get, the more wonderful and horrible this day becomes for me, because I see it was for my sins He died. I see not the evil out there, but the evil in here. I come face to face with who I am...

But I also come face to face with who He is...

Jesus willingly laid down His life for love..

In John 10:11, Jesus says, *The good shepherd lays down his life.* I lay down my life on my own accord...

So guess who... who killed Jesus?

I did... my sins sent Him there.

But He did it... His love took him there.

### **Scripture 6 | Bryan Jones**

*Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.*

### **Mark 15:36-37 (NIV)**

- Extinguish candle 6

**PRAAYER | Bryan Jones**

**PAINTING – HIS LOVE | Jared Emerson**

**Son of Suffering | Song to Accompany Painting  
(with tags: “O Praise The Name” and “How Marvelous”)**

**Exit | In Silence**

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**Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)**