

# J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church**

**Good Friday**

April 18, 2025 • 6:00 PM

## Gathering

*Gather in silence.*

### \*Opening Sentences

Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

**Blessed is the name of the Lord.**

### \*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### \*Hymn No. 213

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

## Word

### Prayer for Illumination

In the darkness of this hour, Lord, be our light. By the breath of your Spirit whisper the Word of life that death cannot destroy: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Scripture:** *Psalm 22; John 19:1-42*

### Homily

*The Cross*

Rev. Cassie Alston

## Anthem

*On the Via Dolorosa*  
Quoting PASSION CHORALE

Wagner and Lee

## The Solemn Intercession

### Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

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**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

My people, my people, why have you forsaken me? Answer me! I delivered you from captivity through the waters of baptism; but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven; but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion; but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

**\*Hymn No. 218 (vv. 1, 2, 3)** *Were You There?*

WERE YOU THERE

***All depart in silence.***

***The service continues on Easter Day.***

***\*Please stand as you are able.***

## Announcements

### Welcome to worship!

We welcome all who worship with us this evening. To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to join us again.

### Easter Sunday Worship Service

*Please join us Sunday as we celebrate God's victory over sin and death through Christ's resurrection!*

Sunday, 4/20

10:30 AM

**Easter/Resurrection of the Lord**

Anthem:

*Crown Him Lord of All; Worthy is the Lamb; The Lord's Prayer* (Dierdre Reynolds, alto; Jeremy Threlfall, tenor; Dr. LaTannia Ellerbe, violin)

### The Session

*Rev. Cassie Alston, moderator*

#### Class of 2025

Tommy Brock  
*Property*

Linda Miller  
*Congregational Care*

Noggin Wild  
*Clerk of Session*

#### Class of 2026

Sam Daniel  
*Finance & Stewardship*

Robbie DeCoux  
*Missions*

Sarah Ross  
*Government*

#### Class of 2027

Harrell Ables  
*Christian Ed. & Evangelism*

Susan White  
*Fellowship*

Lee Williams  
*Worship*

## Questions for Reflection:

According to John, Jesus' last words on the cross are, "It is finished." The last words of Psalm 22 are "God has done it." What is finished? What has God done? Where is the good news in the story of the cross?

## Household Prayer: Morning

In you, O God, our ancestors trusted; they cried to you, and you delivered them. Hear my cry this day and deliver me from evil, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

## Household Prayer: Evening

On you, O God, I was cast from birth; since my mother bore me you have been my God. Keep me safe this night and hold me at your breast, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

(Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year C, vol. 1*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 142.)

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## J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sundays *Breakfast*: 9:00 AM

*Sunday School*: 9:30 AM

*Worship*: 10:30 AM

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