Good Friday is the day Christians recall the crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross. Although Good Friday is one of the saddest days of the Christian year, many church traditions have continued to call it “good,” believing that Christ’s suffering and death were not in vain, but served to liberate humanity from sin and death. Scripture tells us that Christ died at the “sixth hour,” or at noon. The Good Friday noon service is a simple, sparse service of scripture, preaching, and reflective music. In this service we remember with deep sorrow the suffering and death of an innocent man who is revealed to be the Son of God.
The Procession of the Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

half past 11 o’clock on the Chapel Steps

For each station, the presiding minister will announce the station, the tableau will form, those gathered will respond with the text in bold, and then the minister will pray. When the trumpeter begins playing, please follow the procession to the next station.

I. Jesus Is Condemned to Death

All:
The crowd are demanding and clamoring.
They want him crucified.
No one can shout them down.
Pilate is giving his verdict.
“If that’s what you want,
Let him be crucified.”

adapted from Luke 23:23-24

Prayers

II. Jesus Bears His Cross

All:
The soldiers dressed him in a grand robe.
They ridiculed him and laughed at him.
Then they stripped him again and put his own clothes on him.
Finally they led him out to crucify him.

adapted from Matthew 27:31

Prayers

III. Jesus Falls for the First Time

All:
Jesus carried the cross by himself.
He carried it to the Place of the Skull.
The place is called Golgotha.

adapted from John 19:17

Prayers
IV. Jesus Meets His Mother on the Way

All:
When Jesus came to Jerusalem the first time,
Simeon had told Mary
a sword would pierce her soul.
Now those words had come true.

adapted from Luke 2:34-35a

Prayers

V. Simon of Cyrene Helps Carry Jesus’ Cross

All:
There was a man coming in from the country.
His name was Simon, and he came from Cyrene, in North Africa.
He was close by when Jesus was carrying his cross.
They ordered Simon to take up the cross instead of Jesus.

adapted from Mark 15:21

Prayers

VI. A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

All:
In Galilee a woman once wiped Jesus’ feet with her hair.
Jesus said her many sins had been forgiven.
He said the one who has been forgiven much, loves much.
Now it is Jesus’ face that is unclean.
Once again a woman steps forward
to clean what no one else will touch.

adapted from Luke 7:44-47

Prayers

VII. Jesus Falls for the Second Time

All:
Isaiah foretold,
“He has borne our disease;
yet we called him struck down by God.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our mistakes;
on him was laid the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.”

adapted from Isaiah 53:4-5

Prayers
VIII. Jesus Rebukes the Daughters of Jerusalem

All:
A great number of the people were following him. Among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”


Prayers

IX. Jesus Falls for the Third Time

All:
Isaiah foretold, “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, he did not open his mouth. For he was cut off from the land of the living, Struck down for the transgression of my people.”

adapted from Isaiah 53:7-8

Prayers

X. Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

All:
The soldiers divided his clothes among them. They cast lots to decide what each should take.

adapted from Mark 15:24

Prayers

XI. Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

All:
When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Luke 23:33

Prayers
XII. Jesus Dies on the Cross

All:
It was now about noon,
and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon,
while the sun’s light failed.
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”
And he breathed his last.

adapted from Luke 23:44-46

Prayers

XIII. Jesus Is Given to Those Who Would Bury Him

All:
When Pilate learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead,
he granted the body to Joseph of Arimathaea.
Then Joseph bought a linen cloth,
and taking down the body,
wrapped it in the linen cloth
and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.
He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

adapted from Mark 15:45-46

Prayers

XIV. Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

All:
Joseph of Arimathaea came and removed his body.
Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came,
bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes,
weighing about a hundred pounds.
They took the body of Jesus
and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths.
Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified,
and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever
been laid. And so they laid Jesus there.

adapted from John 19:38-42

Prayers
All:
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues inside Duke Chapel.
**TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Charlie Nelms as our guest preacher. Dr. Nelms is the Chancellor at North Carolina Central University. Prior to coming to NCCU he was Vice President for Institutional Development and Student Affairs for the Indiana University system. A native of Arkansas, he has degrees from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Indiana University. Dr. Nelms is active in professional, civic and higher education organizations, including the American Council on Education Commission for Leadership Development, Higher Learning Commission, Millennium Leadership Institute Advisory Board, and the Kinsey Institute Board of Trustees. Chancellor Nelms has written a book titled *Start Where You Find Yourself: Lessons Taught and Lessons Learned*. All proceeds from the book go to the United Nations Food program, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, and the American Red Cross.

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**PRELUDE**

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen* (two settings)

(O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)  
Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 286*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
PASSION CHORALE

(The 14 stations of the cross will process into the sanctuary during the processional hymn. There will be silence before the opening collect.)

**OPENING COLLECT**

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into hostile hands and to suffer death for our salvation; and shape our lives according to the pattern of your Son’s cross, that as we share in your Son’s crucifixion we may come to share also in the glory of his resurrection. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**—Isaiah 52:13-53:12 *(OT page 642 in the pew Bible)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON*—John 19:13-30 *(NT page 107)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**—Are You Thirsty?

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 298**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Hamburg
CALL TO PRAYER
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(The congregation responds to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”)

ANTHEM
Adoramus te
Quirino Gasparini
(1721-1778)

Adoramus te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi,
qui a per sanctam crucem
tuam redemisti mundum.

We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee:
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.

*BENEDICTION

All may depart in silence after the ministers recess.
*All who are able may stand.

Organ music will be played after the service until 3:00 p.m.
for those who wish to remain in the Chapel for meditation.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells
The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer

Preacher
Dr. Charlie Nelms
Chancellor, North Carolina Central University

Lectors
Mr. Canon Brodar
Trinity ’13
Ms. Carolyn Sangokoya
School of Medicine ’12

Station tableau participants
The Rev. McKennon Shea
Mr. Greg Davies
Mr. Joe Plemmons
Ms. Elizabeth Wright

Conductor
Dr. Allan Friedman

Choir
Members of the Duke Vespers Ensemble

Organist
Dr. Robert Parkins

Trumpeter for Stations of the Cross
Mr. Don Eagle
## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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* Because silence will be observed in this service, a limited capacity nursery will be available for children under 6. All events are in Duke Chapel unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit [www.chapel.duke.edu](http://www.chapel.duke.edu)