

UNION BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 3, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

Worship Leader

Rev. Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr.

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

People: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

People: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

All: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

Hymn of Praise

"At Calvary" | Hymn # 246 | African American Hymnal

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Linda E. Mouzon
Union Bethel A.M.E. Church

Invocation Response

Combined Choir | Union Bethel A.M.E. Church

Introduction of Preachers

Selection

Combined Choir | Union Bethel A.M.E. Church

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The Seven Last Words from the Cross

First Word: **Luke 23:34** “**Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.**”
Rev. Dr. Diane Johnson. – Pastor, Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Church

Second Word: **Luke 23:43** “**Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.**” Rev. Dr. Douglas Evans – Pastor, Star of Bethlehem A.M.E. Church

Third Word: **John 19:26-27** **Woman, behold your son, Son Behold your mother.**”
Rev. Dr. Marlene R. Mitchell – Pastor, Falls Road A.M.E. Church

Fourth Word: **Matthew 27:46** “**My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?**” Rev. Rowena White – Pastor, Campfield A.M.E. Church

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Fifth Word: **John 19:26** “**I Thirst.**”
Rev. Garland Owens - Pastor, Mt. Gilboa A.M.E. Church

Sixth Word: **John 19:29-30** “**It is finished.**”
Rev. Alicia Hudnall - Pastor, Cowdensville A.M.E. Church

Seventh Word: **Luke 23:46** “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**” Rev. Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr. - Pastor, Union Bethel A.M.E. Church

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offering

Announcements

Benediction