

*First Presbyterian Church (ECO)
of Punta Gorda
Good Friday Service
April 3, 2026
12:00 p.m.*

*** *EASTER SUNDAY* ***

- **Easter Sunday – April 5 – 10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Fellowship Time**

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*“Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows, ...”
Isaiah 53:4*

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Prelude *Lenten Meditation* Louise E. Stairs

Call to Worship Pastor Barksdale Pullen

Leader: My God! My God! Why have You abandoned me?
Why are You so far from delivering me—from my
groaning words!

**People: My God, I cry out to You throughout the day,
but You do not answer; and throughout the
night, but I have no rest.**

Leader: You are Holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**People: Our ancestors trusted in you; they trusted and
You delivered them.**

Leader: They cried out to You and escaped;
they trusted in You.

**People: Everyone who sees me mocks me; they gape at
me with open mouths and shake their heads at
me...but still I worship You.**

*Hymn 327 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Scripture Psalm 22:1-8

Meditation *The Worm* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

*Hymn 314 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*Benediction

Postlude *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Lani Smith

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth
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SANCTUARY CROSS – The Colors of the Cross are a symbolic depiction of the Easter season. For the beginning of the Lenten Season the cross is draped in purple. The purple cloth remains on the cross from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday representing royalty – the King of kings has come. ***The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday through Saturday – representing His death.*** The white cloth is placed on the cross Easter Sunday representing His resurrection – His victory over sin, death and Satan.

Psalm 22:1-8

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.
In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
“He trusts in the Lord,” they say,
“let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.”