

*First Presbyterian Church (ECO)  
of Punta Gorda  
Good Friday Service  
March 29, 2024  
12:00 p.m.*

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

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Prelude *Cross of Sorrow* Esther S. Higgins

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*

**Readings**

The First Word	Psalm 51:1-14	John Evans
The Second Word	John 14:1-6	Sam Cessna
The Third Word	Mark 3:31-35	Kathy Belville
The Fourth Word	Psalm 22:1-11	Gail Thornton
The Fifth Word	Isaiah 55:1-5	Sam Cessna
The Sixth Word	Luke 13:31-35	Bev Brady
The Seventh Word	Luke 2:25-35	Don Washabaugh
Scripture	Isaiah 53:4-9	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
Meditation	Why?	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*Hymn 320		<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>
Postlude	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	David H. Hegarty

**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.

**WORDS OF THE CROSS**

- 1 - “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”  
Luke 23:34
- 2 - “Today you will be with me in Paradise”  
Luke 23:43
- 3 - “Dear woman, here is your son.” “Here is your mother.”  
John 19:26-27
- 4 - “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”  
Matthew 27:46
- 5 - “I am thirsty.”  
John 19:28
- 6 - “It is finished.”  
John 19:30
- 7 - “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”  
Luke 23:46

\*\*\* **EASTER SUNDAY** \*\*\*

- **Easter Sunday – March 31 – 10:30am Worship Service  
11:30am Fellowship Time**

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