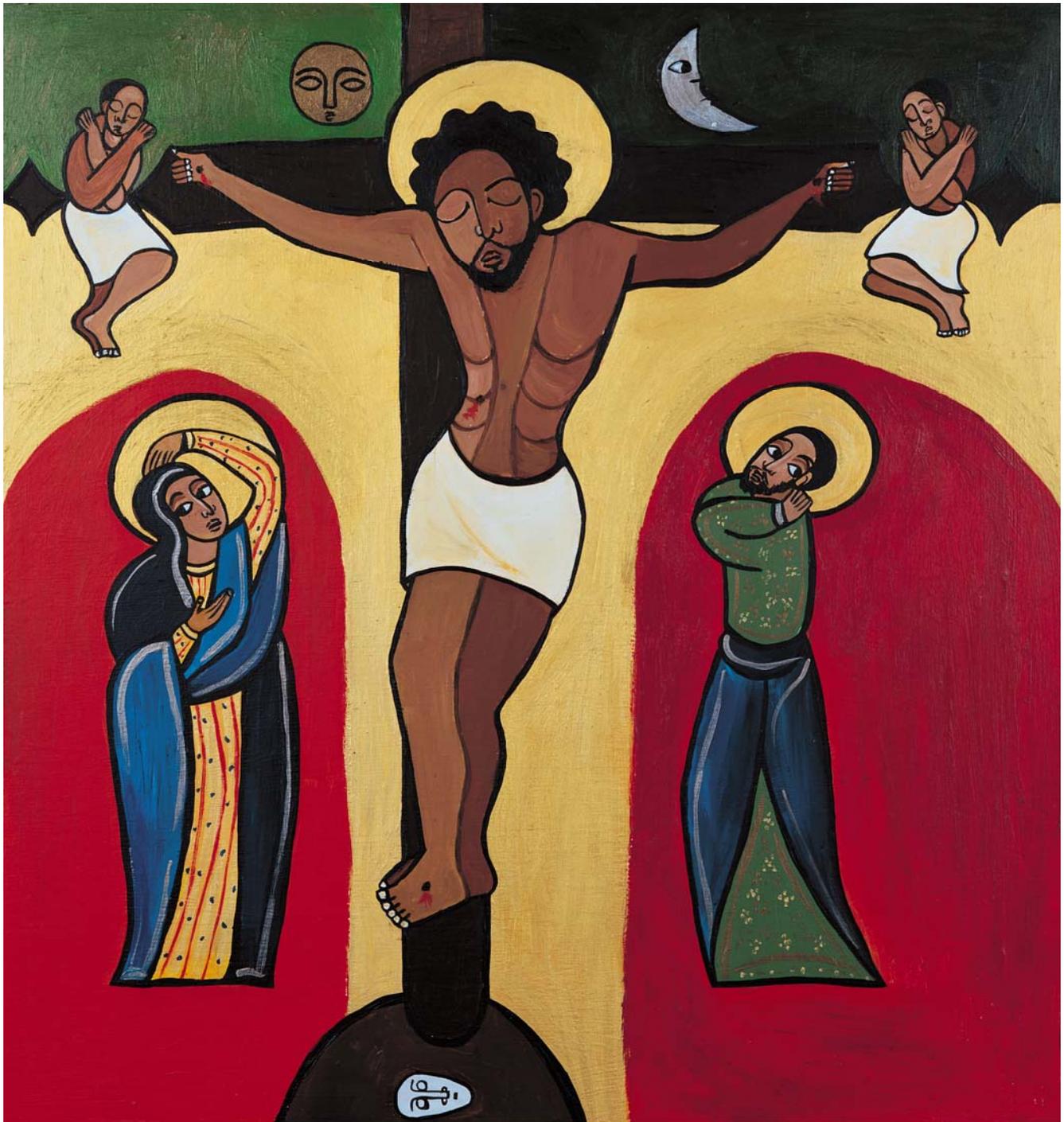


**Good Friday Service:**  
*The Seven Last Words of Jesus*  
*Black Women's Account*

We are an ecumenical, multi-racial, multi-ethnic Christian body that reaches out to the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. To that end we strive to be welcoming, responsive, trusting and prayerful in everything we do.

Somos un cuerpo cristiano ecuménico, multirracial y multiétnico que se extiende al mundo con las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo. Con ese fin nos esforzamos ser acogedores, receptivos, confiados y devotos en todo lo que hacemos.



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## Organ Prelude

"Prelude on 'Were You There?'"  
African-American Spiritual  
Setting: Charles S. McClain

## The Occasion

Reverend Elijah R. Zehyoue

☉ **Centering Song** - Chalice #627  
*All sing together.*

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

## ☉ Call to Worship

Reverend Sally Sarratt

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me? I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night I find no rest.

**Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted in you and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am scorned and despised by people, all who see me mock me; they shake their heads.

**Yet it was you that delivered me from the womb; you kept me and my mother safe. Since I have been born, you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of bashon surround me. I am poured out like water, my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; my mouth is dry, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; I lay in the dust of death.

**For dogs surround me; a company of evildoers encircles me. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.**

But you, O Lord, do not be far away. Deliver me from the sword, save me from the power of the dog, from the mouth of the lion!

**O God from the horns of the wild oxen you deliver me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Let all who fear the Lord praise him! For you did not despise the afflicted; nor did you hide your face from me. Let all who fear the Lord Praise Him.**

## ☉ Invocation

Reverend Maria Swearingen

## Song

"Calvary"  
African-American Spiritual  
Javon Charles, *soprano*

## The First Word

Ms. Brooke Davis, M.T.S, M.P.A.

**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.** *Luke 23:34*

## The Second Word

Minister Christian Brown, M.Div.

**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.** *Luke 23:43*

## The Third Word

Ms. Aryn Davis, M.Ed.

**Woman, here is your son. Son, here is your Mother.** *John 19:26-27*

☉ **Musical Meditation** - Chalice #198  
*All sing together.*

"Were You There?"

## The Fourth Word

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** *Matthew 27:46*

Mrs. Lauren Zehyoue, M.A.

## The Fifth Word

**I Thirst.** *John 19:28*

Mrs. Salima Appiah-Duffell, M.L.S.

## Musical Meditation

"He Never Said A Mumbalin' Word (Crucifixion)"  
African-American Spiritual  
Javon Charles, *soprano*

## The Sixth Word

**It is finished.** *John 19:30*

Reverend Monica Raines, M. Div.

## The Last Word

**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.** *Luke 23:46*

Reverend DeAnna Evans, J.D., M.Div.

## ☪ Departing Verse

*All sing together.*

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"  
African-American Spiritual

**I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my Lenten journey, O, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

## Departing in Silence

During the season of Lent, our services will conclude with the singing of Hymn 627, "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," followed by a few moments of silence for reflection and meditation.

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**Ms. Brooke Davis** is a graduate of Carleton College where she earned her B.A. in International Relations and Harvard University where she earned the Master of Theological Studies in the Divinity School and the Master of Public Administration in the Kennedy School of Government. Ms. Davis is a public servant who works at the intersection of peace, diplomacy, theology, and justice.

**Minister Christian Brown** is a graduate of Howard University where she earned her B.S. in the College of Nursing and The Wesley Theological Seminary where she earned the Master of Divinity. Min. Brown is the Founder and Owner of Rise Enterprises, LLC which is a ministry dedicated to helping people purposely live into their passions and shine with the light of God. Min. Brown is also the author of the book *Rise and Shine: 30 Daily Devotionals for Self-Empowerment in Christ*.

**Ms. Aryn Davis** began her journey as an educator and counselor by teaching in DC Public Schools. After graduating from Howard University, she earned her Masters of Education from George Mason University and began teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading at DC Prep Charter School where she was awarded *Teacher of the Year*. She is currently studying to be a licensed professional counselor at George Washington University. As the author of the blog *Milk & Honey*, Ms. Davis strives to teach readers how to boldly embrace the bitter and satisfying with strength and courage!

**Mrs. Lauren Zehyoue** is a graduate of Spelman College where she earned her B.A. in Political Science and American University where she earned her M.A. in Political Communications. Originally from Mesquite, Texas, she is a Southern girl whose love of politics brought her to Washington, D.C. where she's worked on different political campaigns and various social justice causes. She enjoys sweet tea, Tex-Mex, and leading the resistance against White Supremacy and Patriarchy.

**Mrs. Salima Appiah Duffell** is a graduate of Tufts University where she earned her B.A. in Peace and Justice Studies and Catholic University where she earned her Master of Library Sciences. She has never delivered anything close to a sermon, but she has been writing stories since the third grade. These days she hones her craft through a local writing group who supported her through drafting her first novel. When she's not writing, Salima spends most of her time with her two greatest loves: her job at the Smithsonian Library and her family, which consists of her wonderful husband John, her hilarious toddler Mabel, and her mother, Yolanda.

**Reverend Monica Raines** is the Senior Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in SW Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she earned her B.A. in Sociology and The Wesley Theological Seminary where she earned her Master of Divinity. Rev. Raines is a preacher, teacher, and Christian leader whose deepest desire lies in following Jesus Christ. She is passionate about an authentic ministry that meets people where they are and teaching others to live that ministry.

**Reverend DeAnna Evans** accepted her call to preach at the age of eight, was licensed to preach at eighteen, and was ordained an itinerant Elder in the AME Church in 2015. Rev. Evans is a graduate of Wellesley College and Duke University where she obtained a J.D. from Duke Law School and a M.Div. from the Divinity School. She currently serves as an Assistant Minister at the historic Metropolitan AME Church, as well as practices national security law and crisis management at a top law firm in Washington, D.C.

**More about the artist:** Laura James has been working as a professional artist and illustrator for over twenty years. In addition to painting sacred images from various religions, she portrays women, families, and scenes of everyday life; blending intricate patterns, text, vibrant colors and sometimes surreal imagery into what she calls “art for the people.” Laura is best known for her illustrations in The Book of the Gospels lectionary published in 2000 by Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, Illinois. An award winning edition of the four gospels, it includes 34 paintings rendered in the Ethiopian Christian Art style which over the years Ms. James has made her own. The book is used worldwide by numerous Christian denominations and her religious art is at the forefront of the movement toward a more inclusive representation of Biblical figures. Ms. James has recently expanded her repertoire to include sacred images from other traditions including Buddhism, Yoruba, ancient Egyptian themes and Islam.

## Easter at Calvary

Join us during Holy Week for several special worship services and Easter fellowship.

**Sunday, April 1 | 9:30 a.m.** | Breakfast Pastries and Coffee

**10:50 a.m.** | Brass Quartet and Organ Pre-Worship Recital

**11:00 a.m.** | Easter Sunday Worship: “Let Freedom Ring!”

(featuring Festival Choir and special musical guests)

Together, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the arrival of New Life as we engage the final portion of Dr. King’s famous “I Have a Dream” Speech.

**12:30 p.m.** | Easter Potluck Luncheon and Egg Decorating

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