
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15, 2022



INVOCATION

REFLECTION ON GOD’S WORD:

Pastor: “You shall have no other gods before me.” What does this mean?

People: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

CONFESSION OF SIN:

Pastor: Here is the tenfold sure command; God gave to men of every land. Through faithful Moses standing high, on a holy Mount called Sinai. Have mercy Lord!

People: I, I alone, am God, Your Lord; All idols are to be abhorred. Trust Me, step boldly to My throne, Sincerely love just Me alone.

Pastor: You have this law to see therein, that you have not been free from sin. But also that you clearly see, how pure toward God life should be.

People: Lord Jesus, help us in our need; Christ, You’re our go-between indeed. Our works, how sinful, marred, unjust! Christ, You’re our only hope and trust. Have mercy Lord! Amen.

ABSOLUTION

DUET: “Precious Cross” (Anna & Zach VanVleet)

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION: “Love Hurts”

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Spoken together)

Lord, I thank You for Your infinite mercy, for condescending to me, a lost person, in such a fatherly way. Though I do not ask for it, seek it, or deserve it, You do offer to be my God and to accept me. In every time of need You will be my comfort, help, protection, and strength, though we are poor, blind creatures who have sought many gods elsewhere. We would still need to seek if You had not openly made Yourself known and poured out Your love upon us through Jesus. Who in all eternity could thank You enough for all You’ve done? But to You we give our heartfelt thanks in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

(The first candle is extinguished.)

GOOD FRIDAY VERSES:

Pastor: Thus says the Lord; What Have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed Your Savior to the cross. O my people!

People: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast...” (LSB #439)

**O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**

**They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mocking to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.**

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Pastor: Thus says the Lord; What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people!

People: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (LSB #451)

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
‘Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, ‘tis He, ‘tis He!
‘Tis the long expected Prophet,
David’s Son, yet David’s Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
‘Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
‘Tis the Word, the Lord’s anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.**

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Pastor: Thus says the Lord; What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God. O my people!

People: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: "The Lamb" (LSB #547)

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

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(The fourth candle is extinguished)

PSALM READING: (Psalm 22:1-19)

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? ²O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. ³Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. ⁴In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. ⁵They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. ⁶But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: ⁸"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." ⁹Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. ¹⁰From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. ¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹²Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. ¹³

Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

SONG: "The Wonderful Cross" (Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

**O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find, That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace, Draw near and bless Your name.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all.**

**O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find, That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace, Draw near and bless Your name.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

READING: John 19:17-30

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did. ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(The Christ candle is extinguished symbolizing Christ’s death on the cross.)

HYMN: “O Savior, Precious Savior” (LSB #527)

**O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.**

**O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.**

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(A loud sound is heard representing the closing of Jesus tomb by a stone. The congregation leaves in silence.)

Scripture References

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1 John 4:8

⁸...God is love.

Romans 5:8

⁸...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Matthew 26:38,39

³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Luke 22:43,44

⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

John 1:11

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Luke 23:21

²¹ ...“Crucify him! Crucify him!”

1 John 4:10

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶ ...“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Ephesians 3:17-19

¹⁷ ...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



Easter Service

9:30 AM

breakfast follows