



GOOD FRIDAY – THE DEATH OF OUR LORD

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Welcome to God's House

The enormous significance of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection has always been the central focus of Christian worship. After six weeks of Lent, the Christian Church year has reached its climax. The Gospel accounts of the events of Good Friday paint the awful picture. We now see what our Savior came to do. Jesus stood alone that dark day as he fought the battle against sin, death and hell. His life for ours.



That is the message of Good Friday. It is a solemn day, but today we will once again see why it is a *good* Friday, because we see the Son of God who willingly offers us his life for us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery #535:1-3



- 1 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;



he the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.
See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold,



Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
Christ the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.
bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-measured, love un-told.

Dialogue for Good Friday

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight.
I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.
A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.

Isaiah 42:1-4a

If the LORD dealt with us in justice as our sins deserved, not one of us could stand. Therefore let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

O most holy and righteous God, I am a sinner whose thoughts, words, and actions testify to the evil that lurks within. Though I try to drown my old Adam with his evil deeds and desires by daily contrition and repentance, yet he continues to overcome me. Hear my cry for mercy. Take from me the sin that I have inherited and the sins that I have committed, for the sake of your holy, precious blood

and your innocent suffering and death.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” Hear the word of Christ: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

Isaiah 50:7

Prayer of the Day

God most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Isaiah tells of the suffering servant who won the victory by bearing the sins of the world.

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,

though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - Psalm 22A

Refrain



O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down.

Tone

Musical notation for the Tone, consisting of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a sequence of chords: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (half). The bass staff contains a sequence of chords: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (half), B1 (half).

My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of / anguish?

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.” **Refrain**

All my bones are / on display;

you lay me in the / dust of death.

A pack of villains en- / circles me;

they pierce my hands / and my feet.

They divide my clothes a- / mong them

and cast lots for my / garment.

But you, Lord, do not be / far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:26-28

Our perfect high priest – the only one without sin – won the victory for us

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests

men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 53:4

Glory, praise, and honor be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 19:17-30

The crucifixion of Jesus ...completing the victory over Satan

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There 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 that said,
“They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.”

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 her, “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 everything had now been finished, and so that 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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

O Perfect Life of Love #431

O perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,
all that he left his throne above to do for us below.

No work is left undone of all the Father willed;
his toil, his sorrows, one by one, the Scriptures have fulfilled.

No pain that we can share but he has felt its smart;
all forms of human grief and care have pierced that tender heart.

And on his thorn-crowned head and on his sinless soul
our sins in all their guilt were laid that he might make us whole.

In perfect love he dies; for me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice, you died to make me free!

In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,
your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your merits, not my own.

Sermon

Matthew 27:38-54

Evidence

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, disease and disasters. [*We pray especially for...*] Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your gospel mercifully gather people who are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, on this holy day your dearly loved Son

offered to you the sacrifice of his death. Help us on this day and every day to live as people who have been released from the prison of sin, the burden of guilt, and the sentence of eternal death. Fill us with joy as prepare for the celebration of his resurrection and long to share his victory in eternity.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Distribution Hymns

Take and Eat #676

The choir will sing the first refrain and the stanzas of the hymn; the congregation is invited to join on the remaining refrains

Refrain



Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The third measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note G4.

giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,
 this is my blood giv - en up for you.

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken #432

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
 that such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
 Of what great crime have you to make confession,
 what dark transgression?

They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 with cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;
 they give you gall to drink, they still decry you;
 they crucify you.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
 yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,
 this I do merit.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
 The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
 the Master pays the debt his servants owe him,
 who would not know him.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness,
 the sinful child of man may live in gladness;
 we forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted;
 God is committed.

I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
that earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
to do your will shall be my sole endeavor
henceforth forever.

And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
to me the crown of joy at last is given,
where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
I too shall praise you.

Song of Thanksgiving Christ, the Life of All the Living #396:6-7

♪ Thou has suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, for thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, in your dying woes, even while your life-blood flows,
Craving pardon for your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.
Jesus, all our ransom paid, all your Father's will obeyed,
By your sufferings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus!
Amen.

Dismissal

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labors #437:1-3

♪ Rest, O Christ, from all your labor; sleep within your borrowed tomb.
Foes have crucified and bound you fast within death's narrow room.
Pilate's guards stand watching, waiting where they rolled the sealing stone.
All unseen another watches: God will not forsake his own.

Peace at last from all your anguish, wounds in hands and feet and side.
Enemies no longer mock you, scourged, abandoned, crucified.
Faithful women gather spices, weep for you whom sin has slain.
Though they mourn, the God who guards you will not let your death be
vain.

Help us keep this solemn Sabbath as we wait for Easter dawn.
Earth's dark night of sin is passing; Death's long reign will soon be gone.
Christ, in whom the new creation rises brighter than the sun:
May we, as we watch for morning, trust the vict'ry you have won.

Please leave quietly, in solemn reflection of what happened on this day.

Announcements

You're invited to invite a friend, family member or neighbor to join you this Sunday as we celebrate Easter. On Good Friday we see Jesus give his life for ours; on Easter Sunday we'll see Jesus take back his life so that we might have eternal life.

Easter Sunrise	Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 a.m.
<i>Easter Breakfast</i>	<i>starting at 7:00 a.m.</i>
Easter Festival Worship	Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

We thank Bea Pamperin, who served as our organist this afternoon.

Please pick up a calendar for April and the new *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway. You'll note that we do not have Sunday School or bible study scheduled for Easter Sunday. The schedule will go back to normal next weekend.

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