

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can help you find the restrooms, family room or answer your other questions.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Today, we focus on the seven statements (or words) of Jesus from the cross. These words show us that his loving heart for all did not change, even in the midst of suffering the bitter anguish of hell. They also show that we can have the utmost confidence in him as our Savior.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (CW 100 v. 1-2)

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
Our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing.
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery, and says,
"Willing all this I suffer."

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free my children from their dread,
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share
The fruit of your salvation."

Stand

RESPONSIVE READING OF ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

- M: See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
Just as there were many who were appalled at him—
- All: His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred
beyond human likeness—**
- M: so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him.
- All: For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they
will understand.**

M: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

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

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

Men: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

Women: Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

M: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

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

M: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Women: 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 he shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Men: By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

M: 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.

All: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,

M: And though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

Men: After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

Women: by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many and he will bear their iniquities.

M: 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.

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

Be seated

**"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
 I'll bear what you command me.
 My will conforms to your decree;
 I'll do what you have asked me."
 O wondrous Love, what have you done!
 The Father offers up his Son!
 Desiring our salvation.
 O Love, how strong you are to save!
 You make his bed within the grave
 Who built the earth's foundation.**

FIRST WORD

Luke 23:26-34

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then "'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"' ³¹ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (NIV84®)

HYMN

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (CW 129 v. 1-3)

**Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
 And did my Sov'reign die?
 Would he devote that sacred head
 For sinners such as I?**

**Was it for crimes that I had done
 He groaned upon the tree?
 Amazing pity, grace unknown,
 And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died
For his own creatures' sin.**

First candle is extinguished.

CW 139 v. 1 - printed for your meditation

*Jesus, in your dying woes,
Even while your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus!*

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."
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SONG BY SCHOOLCHILDREN

The Lord Is My Salvation

Second candle is extinguished.

CW 139 v. 2 - printed for your meditation

*Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief who near you dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus!*

THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

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. (NIV84®)

HYMN

Upon the Cross Extended (CW 113 v. 1-4)

**Upon the cross extended,
See, world, your Lord suspended;
Your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of life from heaven
Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.**

**How God at our transgression
To anger gives expression,
How loud his thunders roll,
How fearfully he smites him,
How sorely he requites him --
All this your suff'rings teach my soul.**

**'Tis I who should be smitten,
My doom should here be written:
Bound hand and foot in hell.
The fetters and the scourging,
The floods around you surging,
'Tis I who have deserved them well.**

**A crown of thorns you're wearing,
My shame and scorn you're bearing
That I might ransomed be.
My bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling,
From sin and guilt has made me free.**

Third candle is extinguished.

CW 139 v. 3 - printed for your meditation

*Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart your sorrows rend,
And your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus!*

FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-49

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." (NIV84®)

HYMN

Deep Were His Wounds (CW 107 v. 1-3)

**Deep were his wounds, and red, on cruel Calvary,
as on the cross he bled in bitter agony.
But they whom sin has wounded sore
find healing in the wounds he bore.**

**He suffered shame and scorn and wretched, dire disgrace;
forsaken and forlorn, he hung there in our place.
But all who would from sin be free
look to his cross for victory.**

**His life, his all he gave when he was crucified;
our burdened souls to save, what fearful death he died!
But each of us, though dead in sin,
through Christ's eternal life may win.**

Fourth candle is extinguished.

CW 139 v. 4 - printed for meditation

*Jesus, plunged in depths unknown
With our evil foe alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus!*

FIFTH WORD

John 19:28,29

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.
(NIV84®)

Stand for reading

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 22 (*selected verses*)

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? What are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

All: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

M: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

Men: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

M: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

All: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

M: Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

Women: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

M: Do not be far from me,

All: For trouble is near and there is no one to help.

M: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

Men: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

M: 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.

All: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

M: They have pierced my hands and my feet.

Women: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

M: They divide my garments among them

All: And cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, Lord, be not far off;

All: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

Be seated

Fifth candle is extinguished.

CW 139 v. 5 - printed for your meditation

*Jesus, in your thirst and pain,
While your wounds the lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture's plan:
Hear us, holy Jesus!*

SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (NIV84®)

SONG BY THE CHOIR

Once Upon a Tree

Sixth candle is extinguished.

CW 139 v. 6 – printed for your meditation

*Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All your Father's will obeyed,
By your suff' rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus!*

Seventh candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. (NIV84®)

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (CW 125)

**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.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

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?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Seventh candle is lit.

139 v. 7 – printed for our meditation

*Jesus, all your labor vast,
All your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.*

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (CW 105)

**O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.**

Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!

Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;
From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there.
Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life;
Thus you has lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.

My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression My shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!

What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever, And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.

My Savior, then be near me When death is at my door;
Then let your presence cheer me; Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish, Oh, leave me not alone,
But take away my anguish By virtue of your own!

Lord, be my consolation, My shield when I must die;
Remind me of your passion When my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes shall then behold you, Upon your cross will dwell;
My heart will then enfold you – Who dies in faith dies well!

The congregation will be dismissed by the ushers from the back to the front. However, you are invited to remain in solemn meditation and prayer as long as you would like. When you leave, please observe silence, keeping visiting and noise to a minimum. We will return with joyous tones of fellowship and praise on Easter morning.