



Good Friday
April 15, 2022

Jesus' humiliation was undeserved and voluntary. He endured it in our place, and he completed the satisfaction for our sins. In Christ, God died for us.

There will be no offering during the service: if you wish to leave an offering, please leave it in the basket in the narthex as you leave the church in silence.

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Hymn 175 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

1. 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.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that harm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. 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?

4. 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.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1Jn 1:8-9)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us,

bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jn
1:12; Php 1:6)

C: Amen.

Hymn 143 (1-5) - *O Dearest Jesus*

1. 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?

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

3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal
anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

4. 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.

5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted, --
God is committed.

P: Even though he was without sin, Jesus willingly carried the burden of our guilt to the cross. Without complaint, Jesus gave up his life as the price necessary to forgive the sins of all people.

C: For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin. (2Co 5:21)

P: As they crucified our Savior between two criminals, he said:

C: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. (Lk 23:34)

P: As one of the criminals confessed his sins and asked for Jesus' forgiveness, Jesus said to him:

C: Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise. (Lk 23:43)

P: As he hung on the cross, Jesus looked down and saw his mother Mary and one of the disciples. He said to them:

C: Woman, behold, your son! Behold, your mother! (Jn 19:26-27)

P: As thick darkness covered the land, Jesus cried out in agony:

C: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Mt 27:46)

P: As he hung on the cross, in fulfillment of prophecy, Jesus said:

C: I thirst. (Jn 19:28)

P: As he received the drink the guards offered him, Jesus said:

C: It is finished. (Jn 19:30)

P: As the temple curtain was torn in two, Jesus said:

C: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. (Lk 23:46)

Hymn 167 (1-5) – O Darkest Woe

1. O darkest woe!
Ye tears, forth flow!
Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son
Now is buried yonder.

2. O sorrow dread!
God's Son is dead!
But by His expiation
Of our guilt upon the cross
Gained for us salvation.

3. O sinful man!
It was the ban
Of death on thee that brought Him
Down to suffer for thy sins
And such woe hath wrought Him.

4. Lo, stained with blood,
The Lamb of God,
The Bridegroom, lies before thee,
Pouring out His life that He
May to life restore thee.

5. O Ground of faith,
Laid low in death.
Sweet lips. now silent sleeping!
Surely all that live must mourn
Here with bitter weeping.

First Lesson - *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*
Jesus is the suffering servant.

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 22 - *This psalm, quoted by Jesus on the cross, clearly reflects what happened in the crucifixion.*

Lent Antiphon: (Psalm 51a page 28) **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

¹ My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

⁶ But I am a worm and | not a man,*

scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.

⁷ All who see me | mock me;*

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*

let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”

¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;*

you lay me in the | dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs en- | compass me;*

**a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced
my | hands and feet—**

¹⁸ they divide my garments a- | mong them,*

and for my clothing they | cast lots.

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

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.

Gospel - *John 19:28-30*

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn 153 - *Stricken Smitten and Afflicted*

1. 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.

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

3. 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.

4. Here we have a firm foundation;
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

Sermon - *John 19:30*
"It is finished."

Hymn 172 (1-4, 8) - *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.

O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

2. Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee,
Thou noble countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear Thee
And flee before Thy glance.
How art thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish
That once was bright as morn!

3. Now from Thy cheeks has vanished
Their color, once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished
The splendor that was there.
Grim Death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou has lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

4. My burden in Thy Passion,
Lord, Thou hast borne for me,
For it was my transgression
Which brought this woe on thee.
I cast me down before Thee,
Wrath were my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore Thee;
Redeemer, spurn me not!

8. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

Responsive Prayer for Good Friday

P: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.

P: Today we are reminded not only of your justice, but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings.

C: When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: Thank you for being our perfect Substitute, Lord Jesus.

P: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin, and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on

our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in heaven.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks for the forgiveness which you have given us, and for the home that you have won for us.

Silent prayer

P: The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life.

C: Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your power and of your love. Amen.

Matthew 27:57-60

Jesus' burial.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

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Please leave in silence beginning from the back of the church after the final Scripture reading. This is to signify the

mournful loss of our Savior in his death and the finality of his burial. Consider how much God loves you.

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