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GOOD FRIDAY

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## WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

*The congregation gathers in silence.*

### INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously be with us for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross that He might draw the whole world to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our forgiveness and life may also glory in His call to take up our cross and follow Him; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**READING*****Jesus is condemned to death*****John 18:28–19:16**

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world--to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

***O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken***

**#439, vv 1-3**

- 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.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Psalm 22:27; 25:6–7*

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**C: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we confess that we have forgotten to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. Forgive us.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

**C: we confess that we have forgotten to reflect our faith in You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us.**

P: O Holy Spirit,

**C: we confess that we have forgotten that without Your aid we are helpless to change. Forgive us and renew in us clean hearts so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has not forgotten the promises He made purely by grace. He sent His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take the punishment due each of us. His Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we put our faith in the Savior. Our sins are forgiven for the sake of His innocent suffering and death and His glorious resurrection. Go in the peace of the Lord knowing your sins have been forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**C: and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

**HYMN**

***O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken***

**#439, v 5**

**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.**

## THE FIRST WORD

*“Father, forgive them . . .”*

**Luke 23:32–34a**

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for the forgiveness of those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in Your peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

**#440, vv 1-2**

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.**
  
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,  
Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion:  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned You.**

## THE SECOND WORD

*"Today you will be with Me in paradise."*

**Luke 23:35–43**

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy, You heard the plea of the dying thief on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts to welcome those who turn to You, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in paradise.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

**#440, vv 3-4**

- 3** Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion.
- 4** Grant that I Your passion view  
With repentant grieving,  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?

## THE THIRD WORD

*“Here is your son . . . here is your mother.”*

**John 19:25–27**

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have gotten into trouble or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children know peace and that relationships be restored.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

***Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted***

**#451, vv 1-3**

- 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.**

## THE FOURTH WORD

*“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”*

**Matthew 27:45–47**

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

**L:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

**P:** Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world that Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know Your love in our lives, so we can show Your presence to others.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P:** Having been baptized into Christ and clothed in His righteousness, we confess the faith we have in Him in the Words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**#450 vv 1-2**

- 1 O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thy 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 How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**#450 vv 3-4**

- 3** What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.
- 4** My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou midst give me, O Source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.

## THE FIFTH WORD

*"I thirst."*

**John 19:28–29**

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 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.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Bring to our minds all that You endured for us, and give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of Your holy example.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

**#425 vv 1-4**

- 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 charm 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!**

## THE SIXTH WORD

*"It is finished."*

**John 19:29–30**

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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**L:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father for the sake of us and the world. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

**C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Upon the Cross Extended*

**#453 vs 1-3**

- 1 Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended,  
Your Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from heaven Himself hath freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter death.**
- 2 Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder  
As blood streams from each pore.  
Through grief beyond all knowing From His great heart came flowing  
Sighs welling from its deepest core.**
- 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You  
And caused You all Your woe?  
We all must make confession Of sin and dire transgression  
While You no ways of evil know.**

## THE SEVENTH WORD

*“Into Your hands I commit My spirit.”*

**Lk 23:44–46; Mt 27:51**

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

**L:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace, that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

**C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Were You There*

**#456 vs 1-2**

- 1** Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
  
- 2** Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

## READING

### *The burial of Jesus*

**John 19:38–42**

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*Were You There*

**#456 vs 3**

**3** Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C: 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.**

*As we depart from this service in silent meditation, we remember our need for deliverance and forgiveness, and the price paid for achieving and fulfilling God's promises. It is finished.*