



The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

GOOD FRIDAY
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Why Do They Call It Good Friday?

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Christian's year. On this day we remember the death of our Savior. We call this day "Good" because it is a holy day (holy is the old English meaning of the word "good"). This most solemn of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his cross. Some churches do not use musical instruments or bells on this day. The church is often darkened. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the cross. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

Preparation For Worship | JOHN 1:29

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”

- Apostle John

Call To Worship | PSALM 22:1-22

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

***Why are You so far from saving Me,
so far from the words of My groaning?***

O My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer,
by night, and am not silent.

***Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One;
You are the praise of Israel.***

In You our fathers put their trust;
they trusted and You delivered them.

***They cried to You and were saved;
in You they trusted and were not disappointed.***

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

***All who see Me mock Me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads:***

“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue Him.”

“Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him.”

Yet You brought Me out of the womb;

***You made Me trust in You even at My mother’s breast.
From birth I was cast upon You;
from My mother’s womb You have been My God.***

Do not be far from Me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls surround Me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle Me.

Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against Me.

I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within Me.

***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.***

Dogs have surrounded Me;

***A band of evil men has encircled Me,
they have pierced My hands and My feet.***

I can count all My bones; people stare and gloat over Me.

They divide My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing.

But You, O LORD, be not far off; O My Strength, come quickly to help Me.

***Deliver My life from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dogs.***

Rescue Me from the mouth of the lions;
save Me from the horns of the wild oxen.

***I will declare Your name to My brothers;
in the congregation I will praise You.***

Ah, holy Jesus,
how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee
hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty
who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason,
Jesus hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus,
I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd
for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned,
and the Son hath suffered:
for man's atonement,
while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus,
was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow,
and thy life's oblation:
thy death of anguish
and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity
and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

The First Word — “Father, Forgive Them”

LUKE 23:33-38 | DAN AGOSTO, DEACON

33 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. 34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 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!” 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Good Friday Meditation | REV. MARK KUIPER

We Pray Together

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

Almighty Father, we ask you to look with mercy on all for whom our Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Text: Isaac Watts, 1709 | Music: HAMBURG; Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1824

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 present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Second Word — “Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise.”

LUKE 23:39-43 | GREG ROBERTS, DEACON

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Pray Together

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

Gracious Father, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, gazing upon the cross, may find faith and repentance none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more
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Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

The Third Word — “Woman, Behold Your Son”

JOHN 19:23-27 | JAMES WINGO, DEACON

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Pray Together

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully redeems all who place their trust in you: Grant that we may see the beauty of Him who humbled himself to die a death we justly deserved, even Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. Amen.

Silent Prayer

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure!
That He should give His only Son,
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which marred the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross:
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life:
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Fourth Word — “My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

MATTHEW 27:45-49 | JUSTIN BURNS, DEACON

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 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?” 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Pray Together

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Text: American Folk Hymn | Music: William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul;
What wondrous love is this O my soul?
What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of bliss,
To bear the dreadful curse,
for my soul for my soul;
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down,
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown,
for my soul for my soul;
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb,
who is the Great I Am,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

The Fifth Word — “I Thirst”

JOHN 19:28-29 | JOHN NOWAKOWSKI, DEACON

28 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Pray Together

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your eternal Word to take on our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross as the Pascal Lamb, the Substitute for us; Mercifully grant that we may also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer

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;
by his Son God now has spoken:
'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' 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.

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.

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.

The Sixth Word — “It Is Finished”

JOHN 19:30-37 | MARK FREEMAN, DEACON

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness— his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth— that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Pray Together

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

Almighty Father, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to rest in the righteousness of Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

The Power Of The Cross

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Oh to see the dawn, of the darkest day.
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**This the pow'r of the cross.
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees, now the
ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to
life.
Finished the vict'ry cry.

Oh to see my name written in the
wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love!

**This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross**

The Seventh Word — “Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit”

LUKE 23:44-46 | RON BRASWELL, DEACON

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Pray Together

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

Father in Heaven, by your Son's death you took away the sting of death: May we look to Him as our refuge, His righteousness as our only boast, His intercession as our only hope, and joyfully bear the reproach of our cross as we enjoy and glorify you in our lives, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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Text: Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153); tr. Gerhardt and Alexander | Music: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. J.S. Bach

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 'til now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

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.

Solemn Dismissal

Brothers and sisters, let us pray together

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me; and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.

(All depart in silence)



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