



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

12 noon & 7 pm

Welcome to this service for Good Friday in our In View of God's Mercy series. Today we ponder how Jesus mercifully removed the sentence of sin against us by going to the cross to declare us not guilty.

In View of God's Mercy
A Series of Services for Holy Week
April 15, 2022
12noon & 7pm Service
Good Friday: Mercy in the Cross

Order of Service

God made us alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

Opening Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane #436 vv 2, 3

2 Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Invocation and Call to Worship

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

P Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

P He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

P Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

P With his stripes we are healed.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

P He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

C In the death of Christ we have life. Amen.

Hymn: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross #425

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.

Soloist/Choir sing vv 3, 4

*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 present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Confession and Forgiveness

P The scripture declares: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). On this solemn day we reflect upon our waywardness and how our sin sent Jesus to die upon the cross.

C **Most merciful God, we view our Lord Jesus nailed to the cross. We confess that it is our sin that condemned him to this horrific death. We acknowledge that our transgressions deserve eternal death for us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who was crucified as the penalty for our sin, forgive us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we honor him who died for us, to the glory of your holy name.**

P We cry to you for mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

P Hear the good news! God’s Word declares: “the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ’s sake God forgives you all your sins so that you might be made righteous through him. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

The **Old Testament Reading**, Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples, a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The **Epistle Reading**, Colossians 4:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

The **Gospel Reading**, Luke 23:33-49

Luke 23:33 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."

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."

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. **47** Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" **48** And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. **49** And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Sermon Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted #451

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, as you 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 intervene to save;
but the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that justice gave.

3 If you think of sin but lightly
nor suppose the evil great,
here you see 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, the Rock of our salvation,
is 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

Prayers

P Almighty and merciful God, we approach your cross with sorrow over sin.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Remind us of the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made in his suffering and death.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Rekindle in us a deep appreciation for the pains that he bore for us and for our salvation.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Reconcile us by the blood of Jesus so that we may dwell with you in righteousness.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Restore to us the image of Christ through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to respond to Jesus' death by living for him, to the glory of your holy name.

C **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory and blessing.**

P For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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. (Matthew 6:9–13)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded #449

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 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,
and grant to me Thy grace.

3 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 to thee.

4 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell.
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

Removal of the Christ Candle

Strepitus *(A great noise symbolizes the closing of Christ's tomb.)*

There is no Benediction since this service continues through Easter as one service.

The congregation exits the sanctuary and church building silently, contemplating the death of Christ and anticipating his resurrection on Easter.

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**Those Serving in our Services
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