



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.

John 19:15-16

March 25, 2016 + Good Friday

Know + Be Known + Make Known

Good Friday

Good Friday is the culmination of the whole season of Lent. Held on the day of the week that Jesus died, Good Friday is the most solemn day in the annual Christian liturgical calendar because it commemorates the narrative of Jesus' death by crucifixion. Here we recount in great detail the suffering Jesus endured to the point of death in taking upon himself the full consequences of human evil and rebellion against God. It is an occasion to reflect deeply on our sin and to lament the cost of our evil actions. It is also, however, an occasion to give thanks, for the death of Jesus led to the death of sin and the death of death in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. In a great exchange, God himself in the person of Jesus willingly took our place to suffer the just consequences of our sin in order that we might be set free from sin's guilt and power by Jesus' rising from death to life. Seen in the light of Easter, Jesus' death is not a tragedy; it is, rather, the victory of God.

Tenebrae – A Service of Shadows

In this tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”) service, you will observe a diminishing of light as the candles are extinguished. Please enter and depart quietly and humbly this evening as you contemplate the suffering and death of Christ for your salvation.

Songs of worship are used with permission. CCLI #100150

Cover art: “The King’s Crown,” a linoleum block print by Elizabeth Steele Halstead.
Reprinted by permission from *Visuals for Worship*, © 2006, Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Were You There?

Text and tune: African-American spiritual

Soloist: Naima Wartts

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?

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from John 1:29

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant.
Come, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

We call on the Lord of mercy

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Text and tune: Fernando Ortega 1996; © 1996 Metro One, Inc.



Fa-ther, en-throned on high; "Ho-ly, ho-ly!"
Lord, save us from the dark of our striv-ing,
Look now up-on our need; Lord, be with us.

1. 2.3.



An-cient e-ter-nal Light; hear our prayer.
faith-less, trou-bled hearts weighed down.
Heal us and make us free from our sin.

Chorus



Come O Re-deem-er, come; grant us mer-cy.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us peace.

God calls us to confess our sin

Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:16

Liturgist: Christ was made like us in every respect,
so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God,
to make atonement for the sins of the people.
Because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being
tempted. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may
receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1 and 2 of "Psalm 130" (next page)

Liturgist: Father, our hearts are hard because we are blind and deaf to Christ's deep love for us.
Therefore we fail to love you and to love others.
Lord Jesus, you accepted betrayal so that we could be accepted by God.

But when we are betrayed,

All: ***we lash out, curse others,
and become bitter against God and others.***

Liturgist: You agonized so we could have healing from God.

But when we agonize,

All: ***we run from our pain
and numb ourselves with too much food, sleep, and wine.***

Liturgist: You were abandoned so we could be adopted by God.

But when we are lonely,

All: ***we pity ourselves, become resentful,
and indulge desires that only give false intimacy.***

Liturgist: You were deserted so we could be secure with God.

But when we are deserted,

All: ***we become insecure and anxious
and forget that we are ever walking in your sight.***

Liturgist: You were accused unjustly so we could be acquitted before God.

But even when we are justly accused,

All: ***we rabidly defend ourselves
and care more about our hurt feelings than your truth and justice.***

Liturgist: You were mocked so we could be honored before God.

But when we are mocked,

All: ***we defensively return the harm
and nurse hatred for our enemies.***

continued on page 3

Liturgist: You died so we could be resurrected on the last day by God.
But when we face death,

All: *we idolize youth and believe the devil's original lie:
"You shall not surely die."*

Liturgist: Holy Spirit, give us eyes to see and ears to hear of your love for us,
so that our hearts would be softened to receive your love
and to love you and love others in return.

All (sing): stanza 3 of "Psalm 130" (below)

Psalm 130 [From Depths of Woe]

Text: Martin Luther 1523, tr. Richard Massie 1854, alt. 1961

Tune: Eric Priest 2006, © 2006 Eric Priest

1. From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of la - men - ta - tion:
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain: grace, grace a - lone a - vail - eth.
3. Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more a - bound - eth!

Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
Our works, a - las, are all in vain: in much the best life fail - eth.
His help - ing love no lim - it knows; our up - most need it sound - eth!

If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our se - cret sins of mis - deeds dark,
No man can glo - ry in Thy sight: all must, a - like, con - fess Thy might
Our shep - herd good and true is He who will at last His Is - rael free

O who shall stand be - fore Thee?
and live a - lone by mer - - - cy.
from all their sin and sor - - - row!

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Romans 5:9-10

Liturgist: Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,
much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,
much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
In Jesus Christ, you are not forsaken. In him, your sins are forgiven.

We sing the mercy of Jesus' death

There Is a Fountain

Text: William Cowper 1772

Tune: Lowell Mason 1830



There - is a foun- tain filled with blood drawn -
 The - dy- ing thief re- joiced to see that -
 E'er - since, by faith, I saw the stream thy -



from Em- man - u- el's veins; and - sin- ners plunged be-
 foun- tain in - his - day; and - there may I, though
 flow- ing wounds - sup - ply; re - deem- ing love has



neath that flood lose - all their guil- ty stains. Lose -
 vile as he, wash - all my sins a- way. Wash -
 been my theme, and - shall be till I die. And -



all their guil- ty stains, _____ lose all their guil - ty - stains; and -
 all my sins a- way, _____ wash all my sins a - way; and -
 shall be till I die, _____ and shall be till - I - die; re -



sin- ners plunged be- neath that flood lose - all their guil- ty stains.
 there may I, though vile as he wash - all my sins a- way.
 deem- ing love has been my theme, and - shall be till I die:

SEATED

The shadow of betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25
(pew Bible p. 832)

Reader: The betrayal of our Lord.
All: *Christ be praised!*

The shadow of inner agony

Matthew 26:36-39
(pew Bible p. 832)

Reader: The agony of our Lord.
All: *Christ be adored!*

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We sing the love of Jesus' death

Hymnal #178

O Sacred Head

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux 12th c.
Tune: Hans Leo Hassler 1601

SEATED

The shadow of loneliness

Matthew 26:40-45
(pew Bible p. 832)

Reader: The loneliness of our Lord.
All: *Christ be exalted!*

The shadow of desertion

Matthew 26:47-56
(pew Bible p. 833)

Liturgist: The desertion of our Lord.
All: *Christ be glorified!*

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We sing the wonder of Jesus' death

What Wondrous Love Is This

Text: S. Mead 1811; Tune: Traditional American melody

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this
 when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when To God and to the Lamb,
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. And when from death I'm free,
 And when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
 be - neath God's right - eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great "I AM," while and through mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing

soul, for my soul. To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.
 soul, for my soul. Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing. While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

SEATED

The shadow of accusation

Matthew 26:59-68
(pew Bible p. 833)

Reader: The accusation of our Lord.

All: **Christ be honored!**

The shadow of mockery

Mark 15:12-20
(pew Bible p. 852)

Reader: The mocking of our Lord.

All: **Christ be blessed!**

We meditate on Jesus' curse

John 19:12-22
(pew Bible p. 905)

"The Cursed King"
Rev. Todd Denholm

We pray to follow the way of Jesus' death

Lord, Have Mercy
from Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Text: Ancient Greek prayer
Tune: Gregory Wilbur 2009

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Liturgist: Our Father, open the eyes of our heart to know you more deeply
and to love you more truly for the humbling salvation you have given us
in the mystery of Jesus' death for us.

Liturgist: Christ was all anguish that we might be all joy,

All: *forsaken that we might be welcomed,*

Liturgist: trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed as a friend,

All: *surrendered to hell's worst that we might attain heaven's best,*

Liturgist: stripped that we might be clothed,

All: *wounded that we might be healed,*

Liturgist: thirsty that we might drink,

All: *tormented that we might be comforted,*

Liturgist: made a shame that we might inherit glory,

All: *entered darkness that we might have eternal light.*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

continued on page 8

Liturgist: Our Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from our eyes,
All: *groaned that we might have endless song,*
 Liturgist: endured all pain that we might have unfading health,
All: *bore a thorny crown that we might wear a crown of glory,*
 Liturgist: bowed his head that we might uplift ours,
All: *experienced reproach that we might receive welcome,*
 Liturgist: closed his eyes in death that we might gaze on unclouded brightness,
All: *expired that we might forever live.*



Liturgist: O gracious Father, who spared not your only Son that you might spare us,
 help us to adore you with undying thanks
 and to worship you not only with our lips but also with our life.
 Plant the cross deeply in our hearts
 so that we might bear its fruit of true life and peace.
All: *O conquering God, lead us in the way of the cross,
 dying to the evil in us and rising to eternal life in you.*



We meditate on Jesus' death

Were You There?

Text and tune: African-American spiritual
 Soloist: Naima Wartts

All (sing): *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?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

The shadow of death

Mark 15:21-34, 37-39
(pew Bible pp. 852-853)

Solo: 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?

Please depart in silence

Central Presbyterian Church
7700 Davis Drive, Clayton, Missouri 63105
314-727-2777
www.centralpres.com