



GOOD FRIDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. (Jeremiah 31:34)

RESPONSE:

**♪ O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, your only crown;
O sacred head, no glory,
Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call you mine.**

P: Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

RESPONSE:

**♪ My burden in your passion,
Lord, you have borne for me.
For it was my transgression,
my shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you;
wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you;
Redeemer, spurn me not!**

P: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one

another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

RESPONSE:

**♪ What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest friend,
for this your dying sorrow,
your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever,
And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love for you.**

P: Let us pray,

C: O Lord Jesus Christ, come to us now as we remember your Passion, the Passion that was ordained before time. We give you thanks, for while knowing what our salvation would entail in terms of your personal suffering, you still spoke the Word and brought into being all of creation. Grant that we may live our lives in the assurance that you love each of us eternally. Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - John 19:17-30

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary

CONFESSION

Pastor: God has said, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (Lev 11:44)

C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Pastor: A broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us confess our sinful natures. (Psalm 51:17)

All: Most gracious Lord, we are sinful by our very natures. We are altogether corrupt from birth, and deserve nothing from you. By nature we are objects of your anger. (Ps. 52:5; Ephesians 2:3)

P: All our righteous is like a filthy rag before God. Let us confess our sinful actions toward God and each other. (Isaiah 64:6)

C: We acknowledge our many sins. We have placed ourselves above you by the choices we make. We have wandered away from your care. We have lived selfishly, not always caring for those around us.

P: Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. (Exodus 34:6) So I proclaim that you are forgiven of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

P: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

C: Grant that from this time forward we may live to worship you and love our neighbor, so that you may be glorified.

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P: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: So today as you leave in silence reflect on what Jesus has done, is doing and will do for you.

In respect for the death of our Lord, please leave the sanctuary in silence.