



GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021 · 12:00 p.m.

Preparation *for* Worship

Let us prepare to worship by reflecting on why we call this Friday “Good.”

- Our sin must be extremely horrible. Nothing reveals the gravity of sin like the cross. If there was no way by which the righteous God could justly forgive our sin, except that He should bear it Himself in Christ, it must be serious indeed.
- God’s love must be wonderful beyond comprehension. He pursued us even to the desolate anguish of the cross, where He bore our sin, guilt, judgment, and death. Oh the wonder of this — to know that God loves you!
- Christ’s salvation must be a free gift to receive, not something we earn. He purchased it for us at the high price of His own life blood. So what is there left for us to pay? Absolutely nothing! May we never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Adapted from John Stott, “The Cross of Christ”

PRELUDE: “Psalm Prelude No. 3” Herbert Howells

Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: “Calvary” Clayton White

Calvary, Calvary, Calvary, surely He died on Calvary.
Ev’ry time I think about Jesus, surely He died on Calvary.
Don’t you hear those hammers ringing? Surely He died on Calvary.

*Ramon Moses, soloist
The Chancel Choir
Thomas Loescher, cello
Calvin Ellis, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Wynne

✠HYMN: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOPHER

Words: Elizabeth Clephane / Music: Frederick Maker; arr. Metzger / Isaiah 32:2

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

✠INVOCATION

Jesus *and* the Council

LUKE 22:63-70

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?” And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Words: Stith Mead / Music: William Walker / I John 3:1

**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.**

**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!**

Jesus *and* Pilate

LUKE 23:1-16 Shelley Hill

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Words and Music: Matt Crocker and Brook Ligertwood; arr. Dan Galbraith / Isaiah 53:3

**Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed;
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked and scorned,
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.**

*Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me;
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee.*

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem;
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.**

**Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full,
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled;
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me,
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.**

Praise and honor unto Thee.

James Ryan, piano

Jesus and the Crowd

LUKE 23:18-25 Grace Knight

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO MEDITATION: "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word". Moses Hogan

Wasn't it a pity and a shame? And He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin' word.

His blood came trickling down, and He never said a mumbalin' word.

He bowed His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Calvin Ellis, soloist

Jesus and the Thief on the Cross

LUKE 23:32-43

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." And they cast lots to divide his garments. 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."

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON: The God Who Hung on a Tree Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Forsaken" Dan Forrest

How long, O God, will You neglect my prayer? Will You forget these tears of dark despair?
Yet not My will, but Yours alone be done: Forsake not man, but Me Your sinless Son.

I, Christ the Son, obey Your great command, enduring punishment for sinful man.
As Son and silent Lamb, I choose this path: Accept rejection to appease Your wrath.

O why, My God, have You forsaken me? Why have You now refused My final plea?
I cry in sorrow, pain, and fear, You turn Your back in silence, in silence disappear.

I, Christ the Son, bear all their sin alone, embracing judgment from Your glorious throne.
As Son and spotless Lamb, I shed My blood to bring them boldly to Your face, My God.

Forsake not man, but Me, Your sinless Son.

James Ryan, violin

We depart in silence, awaiting the resurrection.

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