



# CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Good Friday”

## **CONCERNING GOOD FRIDAY**

This most somber of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his Cross. 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.

Book of Common Prayer (ACNA, 2019)

# Good Friday Worship

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

Rev. Dave Lindberg

PRAYER

SONG:

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

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.

3

See from His head, His hands, His feet.  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e're such love and sorrow meet;  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 26:45-27:26

Rev. Mark Husband

Leader: *“See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”*

*While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”*

**People: *Then all the disciples left him and fled.***

Leader: *Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes*

and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?"

They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

**People:** ***But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean."***

Leader: *And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."*

**People:** ***And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man."***

Leader: *After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you."*

**People:** ***Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man."***

Leader: *And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.*

*When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.*

*Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field*

*of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."*

*Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.*

*Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"*

**People:** *And they said, "Barabbas."*

Leader: *Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"*

**People:** *They all said, "Let him be crucified!"*

Leader: *And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?"*

**People:** *But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"*

Leader: *So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."*

**People:** *And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"*

Leader: *Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.*

SONG:

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

1

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 mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2

Behold the Man upon his 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.

3

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.

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### **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Matthew 27:27-66

*Leader: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.*

*As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.*

**People:** ***And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."***

*Leader: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.*

*Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 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?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." 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. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.*

*And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,*

**People:** ***"Truly this was the Son of God!"***

*Leader: There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary*



*Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.*

*When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.*

*The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead', and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.*

SONG:

MAN OF SORROWS  
CTK Choir

1

"Man of Sorrows," what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

2

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

3

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full redemption—can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

4

Lifted up was He to die,  
“It is finished!” was His cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high;  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

5

When He comes, our glorious King,  
To His kingdom us to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

### **GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD**

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

SONG:

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

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

2

Tell me, ye who 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 interpose to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him,  
was the stroke that Justice gave.

3

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 is built.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People of God, what do you believe?

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>o</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>o</sup>That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

**GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,**

**provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

**Have mercy upon us,**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness  
of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- ❖ *CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.*
- ❖ *Come forward to receive the elements.*
- ❖ *Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.*
- ❖ *If you are not partaking, you may either remain in your seat or come forward and pass by the elements, whichever makes you most comfortable.*
- ❖ *If you are unable to come forward, an Elder will serve you the elements at your seat.*
- ❖ *Once you have been served, please take the elements back to your seat. We will eat and drink together once everyone has been served.*

\*BENEDICTION

Romans 5:8

*But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us.*

**\*\*PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE\*\***

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