



## **Good Friday**

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Tennebrae Service



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## Good Friday: Mercy in the Cross

*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*

### *The Adoration of the Cross of Christ*

*(All stand, turn to the back, and face the Processional Cross.)*

- P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
- C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**
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### *Processional Hymn*

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat And burdens of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus, My eyes at times can see,  
The very dying form of one Who suffered there for me.  
And from my smitten heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of his glorious love And my own worthlessness.**

**I take, O cross, your 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.**

*The Reproaches of Christ From the Cross*

**P** Although we are centuries removed from the events of Christ's crucifixion and even further removed from the miraculous Exodus of Israel from Egyptian bondage, we, like the Israelites before, have not always received God's abundant grace in humble obedience and with proper gratitude. What would we say, what excuse would we plead, or what might we answer, were Christ from His cross to ask.

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison-house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the Cross. O My people. Micah 6:3-4

**C** **Holy Lord God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

I Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

**P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed

you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink, O My people. Jeremiah 2:6-7

- C** **Holy Lord God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, suffer us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people. Isaiah 5:2-4

- C** **Holy Lord God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy and merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



- 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** 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.**
- 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*
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from the twenty-fifth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 2:13–15*

**A** The Second Reading is from the second chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians.

<sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by

triumphing over them in him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 23:33–49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>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.

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>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!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>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. <sup>47</sup>Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" <sup>48</sup>And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You O Christ.**

## **451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

## Sermon: The Sign Of Jonah The Answer!

*Gathering of Tithes and Offerings*

### 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.**

### The Tennebrae

## *Reading of the Passion of St. John*

*The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

John 18:1–11

*Hymn*

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**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.**

**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**

*Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter*

John 18:12–27

**Hymn**

**"Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain"**

**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.**

**Take the life that lasts forever;  
Trust this soul renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break his covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when he was glorified.**

*Jesus Before Pilate*

John 18:28–40

*Hymn*

**"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken"**

**O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken  
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?  
Of what great crime have you to make confession,  
What dark transgression?**

**What is the source of all your mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;  
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,  
This I do merit.**

*Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion*

John 19:1–16

*Hymn*

**"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

**O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, your only crown.  
O sacred head, what glory  
And bliss did once combine;  
Though now despised and gory,  
I joy to call you mine!**

**Here will I stand beside you,  
Your death for me my plea;  
Let all the world deride you,  
I clasp you close to me.  
My awe cannot be spoken,  
To see you crucified;  
But in your body broken,  
Redeemed, I safely hide!**

*The Crucifixion of Jesus*

John 19:17-22

*Hymn*

**"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"**

**Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow,  
Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect man on thee did suffer,  
Perfect God on thee has bled!**

**Here the King of all the ages,  
Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
Crucified by sin for me.**

*Dividing Jesus' Garments*

John 19:23-24

*Hymn*

**"The Old Rugged Cross"**

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame:**

**And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

***Refrain:* So I'll cherish the old rugged cross...  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross...  
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For t'was on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain***

*Jesus' Mother and His Death*

John 19:25–30

*Hymn*

**"Were You There"**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**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.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*Jesus' Side is Pierced*

John 19:31–37

**On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

*LSB 422*



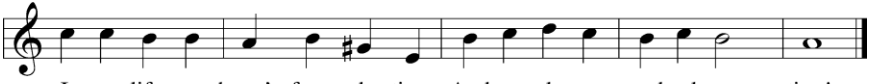
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

*Jesus is Placed in the Tomb*

John 19:38-42

*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.**

*The Sound of the shutting of the Tomb*

At this time you will hear the loud closing of the tomb on Good Friday.

*The Silent Prayer*

*The Exit of the Christ Candle and Processional Cross*

The eternal light, which burns constantly, remains in the sanctuary. Although the Paschal candle has been removed representing the death of Christ, the eternal light remains representing Christ's divine, eternal nature which did not die and which remained alive while He was in the tomb.

All are asked to leave this service in total quiet and silence, with all solemnity in keeping with the mood of Good Friday. No Benediction is given, in keeping with the thought that the Good Friday Service is a continuation of The Maundy Thursday Service and continues unto the close of The Easter Sunrise Service.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

