



GOOD FRIDAY

*April 19, 2019*



# Preparation for Worship

*Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

Let us prepare to worship God by reflecting on three reasons 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”*

ORGAN PRELUDE: “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” . . . . .Johannes Brahms

*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: “What Wondrous Love Is This” . . . . . WONDROUS LOVE

*Words: General Selections, 1811 / Music: Southern Harmony, 1840 / 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!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,  
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

*The Chancel Choir  
Colby Stout, soloist  
Calvin Ellis, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Lamentations 1:12. . . . . Todd Erickson

All you who pass this way  
**look and see the shadow of sin.**

All you who pass this way  
**look and see the weight of the world.**

All you who pass this way  
**look and see the suffering of our Savior.**

All you who pass this way  
**look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.**

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.  
**This is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

◆HYMN: No. 251 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” . . . . . ST. CHRISTOPHER

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

◆INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

## Jesus Before Pilate

*Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14*

*Matt Johnson, reader*

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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "God So Loved the World" . . . . . John Stainer

*Music: John Stainer / John 3:16-17*

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,  
That He gave His only begotten Son, That whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
Should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,  
That He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
Should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life, everlasting life,  
Everlasting, everlasting life.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world.

## Jesus Before the Crowd

*Matthew 27:15-26*

*Maddie Hernandez, reader*

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?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" 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." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦HYMN: No. 248

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" . . . . . HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Words: Johann Hermann / Music: Johann Crüger / Isaiah 53:4*

# Jesus Upon the Cross

*Matthew 27:32-44*  
*Kendall Magana, reader*

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. 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." 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "He Was Wounded" . . . . . Craig Courtney

*Music: Craig Courtney / Isaiah 53:3-6*

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities.  
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him.  
And with His wounds we are healed.

He was despised, He was rejected, One from whom men hide their faces.

Man of sorrows, with grief acquainted we esteem'd Him not.  
All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us turned to his own way,  
And the Lord has laid on Him all of our sin.

Surely He took up all of our suffering, surely He carried our sorrows,  
Yet we considered Him afflicted, smitten, stricken by God.

*Christy Young, soloist*

# The Death of Jesus

*Matthew 27:45-56*

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, "Truly this was the Son of God!" 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.

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✠BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Were You There?" . . . . . Gwyneth Walker

*Words and Music: African-American Spiritual; arr. Walker*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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?

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 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?

*We depart in silence, awaiting the resurrection.*

✠Indicates congregation standing

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# EASTER SUNDAY

We invite you to worship with us on Easter Sunday.

Our Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 a.m. at Memphis Botanic Garden, and we will meet for worship on campus at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*Nursery will be available for all services, excluding the Sunrise Service.  
Sunday School will not meet, and we will not meet for evening worship.*