



# GOOD FRIDAY

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We gather on this anniversary of Jesus Crucifixion and Death to contemplate what is truly GOOD about this Friday! We will turn again to another prophecy from the book of Zechariah which gives us a dramatic demonstration of what Jesus accomplished for us on this Day. It explains how the symbol of the greatest cruelty could become the symbol of our greatest hope and salvation. We are here to see God's love in action and give all praise and thanksgiving to our Saviour as we commemorate His death and His amazing gift of love. We begin with prayer.

Opening Prayer: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your own dear Son, but delivered Him up for us all, that He might bear our sins in His own body upon the cross. Grant Your Holy Spirit that He may fill our hearts with wonder and praise and with steadfast faith in Him and in true love, serve Him all our days. In His Name. Amen.

*The Invocation:*

We Meditate on Christ's Supreme Sacrifice and infinite Love this Good Friday in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong:



*Opening Hymn: 170 O Perfect Life of Love!*

1. O perfect life of love!  
All, all, is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above  
To do for us below.
2. No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,  
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
3. No pain that we can share  
But He has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care  
Have pierced that tender heart.
4. And on His thorn-crowned head  
And on His sinless soul  
Our sins in all that guilt were laid  
That He might make us whole.
5. In perfect love He dies;  
For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.
6. In every time of need,  
Before the judgment-throne,

Thy works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
Thy merits, not mine own.

7. Yet work, O Lord, in me  
As Thou for me hast wrought,  
And let my love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought.

*Confession of Sins:* Based on Isaiah 53 & Galatians 3:13

P: He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

**C: And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him. He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.**

P: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

**C: Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

P: But He was wounded for our transgressions,

**C: He was bruised for our iniquities;**

P: The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,

**C: And by His stripes we are healed.**

P: Let us, then, confess our sins:

**C & P: O Gracious Lord, We confess that we have sinned and fallen miserably short of Your Glory and Holiness. We have placed our own wants and desires above other people and even above You. We confess that our sins are so dark that nothing less than the death of your Son could pay for them. But since Jesus died for us on this day, we confidently plead for your forgiveness for Christ's sake.**

*Absolution:*

P: Beloved, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree')." Through His suffering and death, the penalty for our sin has been paid. You are forgiven! You are reconciled to God as His dear Children. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!"

Cong. Sing:

Hymn 723

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.

### *The Crucifixion Account*

*The First Reading: Jesus dies on the Cross*

*Response:*

Hymn 721

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.

*The Second Reading: The Burial of our Lord*

*Confession of Faith:* Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**Hymn:** The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your blood-stained brow.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

3. Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" The victory cry.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

## **Good Friday Sermon:**

Sermon Text: Zechariah 3:1-10

*“3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?” 3 Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. 4 And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.” 5 And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by.*

*6 And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua, 7 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.*

*9 For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. 10 In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”*

Theme:

# **Gone in a Single Day!**

- 1. Satan**
- 2. Hell**
- 3. Sin**
- 4. Our Old Life!**

**Hymn: In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*The Offering:* (Melody Hymn 151)

**Sing:** Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe,—  
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

*Prayers:*

- *Communion Liturgy* -

**The Offertory:** . . . . . "O Sacred Head"

What language shall I borrow To thank You, dearest Friend,  
For all Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me Yours forever; And should I fainting prove,  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive Your dying love!

The Preface: . . . . . "O Sacred Head"

**Sung by Pastor & Cong.**

Pastor: The Lord is with His people Now may He be with you.

**Cong: The Lord is with His servants; May He be with you, too.**

Pastor: Now lift your hearts to praise him.

**Cong: To God we lift them high. 'Tis right to praise and thank  
Him Who to His world draws nigh.**

The Great Thanksgiving: . . . . . Pastor

It is right always and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed from the power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in Your presence, renewed in faith and life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we praise Your name.

**The Sanctus** . . . . . "Liebster Jesu"

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Heav'n and earth proclaim the story  
Of Your majesty adored, Of Your kingdom, pow'r, and glory.  
With hosannas now we meet You;  
With our palms and praises greet You;

Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He Who in God's own name draws near us!  
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we Since we have God's love to cheer us:  
Blood outpoured and body broken, Of eternal love the token.

## **Preparing our Hearts**

In this sacrament Christ comes to us individually in His Love and gives us His body and blood which He shed on the cross this day to pay for our sins. To receive this sacrament worthily means to come with a true repentant heart and faith in Jesus for His full forgiveness. Therefore we prepare our hearts by examining ourselves in the light of God's law.

Examine yourself according to the commandments:

Ask yourself, do I fear, love and trust in God above all things? Do I put God first in every area of my life? Do I give honour and glory to His name with everything I do in life? Do I delight in His word and read it daily? When the making and spending of money takes first place in my life, I am not loving God above all things. Every time my mind strays to impure thoughts, I am not putting God above all. Every time I put something else before worshiping God, I show my sinful heart.

**C: Oh God, be merciful to me the sinner.**

Examine yourself according to the 5th commandment:

Do I truly love my neighbour as myself? Have I ever gotten angry or called someone a nasty name even if only in my mind? Have I done anything to hurt another person either physically or emotionally? God says, whoever hates his brother is a murderer and whoever is angry with his brother is deserving of everlasting fires of hell.

**C: Have Mercy on me, Oh Lord.**

Examine yourself according to the 9th - 10th commandments: "You shall not covet." "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." Have I envied others? Have I had a longing desire for things that are beyond my ability to obtain? Have worldly things taken up a place in my heart and become an object of my love and desire?

Every time I have thoughts of lust, greed, envy, covetousness, I show that my heart is given to false gods.

**C: Lord, do not cast me away from your presence, but forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

If you feel the weight of sin in your heart and sorrow over them, then the Spirit has done His work to convict you. Now He also comes to you to comfort you with God's love and mercy. He has justified you by His grace through the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for all your sins. Now He gives you His body and blood which has paid the penalty for all your sin. Rejoice, your sins are forgiven.

### **The 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 Consecration:**

**The Agnus Dei:** (Supplement page 19)  
O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,  
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,  
Impart Your joy, our faith increase.  
Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your Peace.

**The Distribution**

**The Nunc Dimittis** Supplement page 20  
Sing: O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace: A Light to lead the Gentiles unto your holy hill, the Glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All Glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, forever Three-in-One; For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding through all eternity. Amen.

Benediction: ..... "O Sacred Head"

**Sung by Pastor & Cong:**

Pastor: The good Lord bless and keep you,  
Lift up His shining face, With Favour look upon you  
And grant eternal peace.

**Cong: To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
Most gracious One-in-Three  
Be glory, praise, and blessing  
Now and eternally!**

**Closing Hymn: 342 st. 1-2, 5 Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

1. Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me;  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lived that I might never die,  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love!  
Higher than the heavens above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity.  
Love that found me--wondrous thought!--  
Found me when I sought Him not.

5. O my Savior, help afford  
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.



**Easter Sunday:** We look forward to our joyful Easter Celebration on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.  
There will be no Sunday School or Bible class on Easter.