



GOOD FRIDAY

The Liturgy of the Cross

Pre-service Music

Opening Prayer

*(the pastor will enter in silence, and stand
at the foot of the altar)*

P: God Most Holy, look with mercy on your people for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, mocked, ridiculed, and suffer death on the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—one God—now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Christian Worship 125 st. 1-3

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.

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

Meditation at the Cross of Christ

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world;

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The Improperia (Reproaches)

In the Improperia the voice of Jesus is heard through the words of the prophets reproaching us for our sin—the very sin which required his death on the cross

† The First Reproach

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 raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered your Redeemer to be scourged. I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people!

Holy Lord and God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, do not abandon us to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Congregation sings



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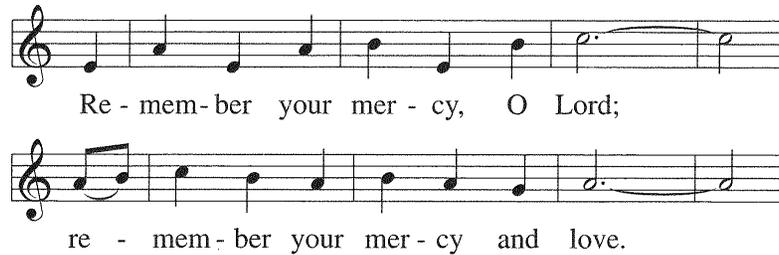
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P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me! For I have conquered all your foes and you have given me over to those who

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!

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty Lord, most holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, never allow us to lose hope in the face of our enemies. O Lord, have mercy.

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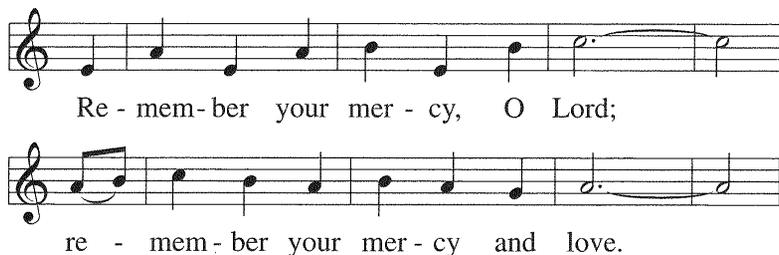
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✠ **The Third Reproach**

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 the Lord your God? O my people!

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

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P: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and your mercy, for they are from eternity. Do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. According to your mercy remember us, because of your goodness, O LORD. Guard our life and rescue us. Do not let us be put to shame, for we have taken refuge in you.

C: Lord, have mercy and hear us as we pray. Amen.

Meditation on the Word of God

The Passion in Prophecy

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
My groaning does nothing to save me.
²My God, I call out by day, but you do not answer.
I call out by night, but there is no relief for me.
³Yet you are seated as the Holy One, praised by Israel.
⁴In you our fathers trusted.
They trusted and you delivered them.
⁵They cried out to you, and they were rescued.
They trusted in you, and they were not disappointed.
⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by men and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock me.
They sneer. They shake their heads.
⁸They say, "Trust in the LORD."
"Let the LORD deliver him.
Let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
⁹But you are the one who brought me out of the belly.
You made me trust when I was at my mother's breasts.
¹⁰I was cast on you from the womb.
From the belly of my mother you have been my God.
¹¹Do not be distant from me, for distress is near,
and there is no one to help.
¹²Many bulls surround me.
Strong bulls from Bashan encircle me.
¹³Enemies open their mouths wide against me,

like a lion that tears its prey and roars.
¹⁴Like water I am poured out. All my bones are pulled apart.
My heart has become like wax.
It has melted in the middle of my chest.
¹⁵My strength is dried up like broken pottery,
and my tongue is stuck to the roof of my mouth.
You lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁷For dogs have surrounded me.
A band of evil men has encircled me.
They have pierced my hands and my feet.
¹⁷I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me.
¹⁸They divide my garments among them.
For my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be distant.
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
²⁰Deliver my life from the sword,
my only life from the power of the dog.
²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion.
From the horns of the wild oxen you have answered me.

Handbells

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Arranged by Jacon W. Krug
Published by Ring Out! Press

The Death of Jesus according to the Four Gospels

Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.” They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Now it was the third hour when they crucified him.

Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’””

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there.

People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him. They said, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he’s the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have

done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun was darkened.

At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!”

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Suddenly the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus’ resurrection and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how he cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God.”

When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. All those who knew Jesus, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him, were there, watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken." Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."

P: This is the Word of our God; and the passion of the Christ!

C: **Sanctify us by your truth; your Word is Truth!**

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus, My Great High Priest"

Christian Worship 359 st. 1-4

We will use the melody of

"Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ" CW 401

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To Christ, my substitute, will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills his Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set —
My Jesus paid the dreadful debt!

My advocate appears for my defense on high;
A gracious Father hears and lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
Superior pow'r and guardian grace.

“The Misery of Mankind; The Mercy of Jesus”

The Sacrifice of Animals Foreshadowed Forgiveness

Leviticus 16:15-22

¹⁵ He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering of the people. He is to bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he had done with the blood of the bull. He is to sprinkle it on the atonement seat and in front of the atonement seat. ¹⁶ He shall make atonement for the sanctuary to cleanse it from the uncleanness of the Israelites and from their rebellions and all their sins. This is what he shall do for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells in the midst of Israel's uncleanness. ¹⁷ When he enters to make atonement in the sanctuary, no other person may be in the Tent of Meeting until he has come out. In this way he shall make atonement for himself and his household, as well as for the entire assembly of Israel.

¹⁸ He shall then come out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it. He is to take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat and smear it all around the horns of the altar. ¹⁹ With his finger he is to sprinkle some of the blood upon it seven times. In this way he is to purify it and set it apart from the uncleanness of the Israelites.

²⁰ When he has finished making atonement to cleanse the

sanctuary, the Tent of Meeting, and the altar, he shall present the live goat. ²¹ Then Aaron shall lay his two hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the guilt of the people of Israel and all their rebellions and all their sins. He is to put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness in the custody of an appointed man. ²² So the goat will carry all their guilt on itself to a remote, desolate place, and the man will send the goat away into the wilderness.

The Sacrifice of Jesus Delivers Forgiveness

Hebrews 9:23-28

²³ Therefore, it was necessary that the copies of the things in heaven be cleansed by these sacrifices, but it was necessary that the heavenly things themselves be cleansed with sacrifices better than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. ²⁵ And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, ²⁸ so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

“Once and for All; There is Forgiveness!”

Evening Thanksgiving and Prayer

Evening Prayer

P: Heavenly Father, you are a righteous and just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our disobedience offends you. We forget that the wages of

sin truly is death. We forget that there is a hell prepared as a place of punishment for all who transgress your commandments. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.

P: Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your undeserved love. You did not spare your only Son but gave him as a ransom for each of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of your precious love. Give us the peace that only the forgiveness of sins can bring.

C: When we feel the burden of our guilt, point us to the cross. Here our guilt and every sinful stain is washed away in Jesus' blood.

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for going to the cross in our place. We thank you for paying the debt we could never pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: For being our perfect Substitute and merciful Savior, we thank you, Lord Jesus.

P: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished and complete sacrifice for sin. Then you commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: Give us the courage to face death, knowing it is the gate to our eternal home in heaven.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks and praise for the forgiveness you have given, for the peace you have secured for us, and for the home you have prepared for us.

Silent Prayer

P: The cross was once an instrument of shame and death. Now it is a sign of life and hope.

C: Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your sacrifice, your faithfulness, and your unselfish love. Thankful for your precious work we confidently pray —

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen!**

Meditation at the Tomb

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathaea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews. Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the council, was a good and righteous man. He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph. Joseph bought a linen cloth, came, and took Jesus' body away. Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified.

And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near. Joseph took the body and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb's entrance and left.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid there. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus were watching where the body was laid.⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate and said, "Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise again.' So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead.' And this last deception will be worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.



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The Improperia (Reproaches)

We repeat the Improperia, because in them we hear the voice of Jesus reproaching us for our sins which brought him to death and the grave.

✠ **The First Reproach**

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 raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered your Redeemer to be scourged. I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people!

Holy Lord and God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, do not abandon us to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Congregation sings

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Christian Worship 268 st. 1

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

✠ **The Second Reproach**

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 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!

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty Lord, most holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, never allow us to lose hope in the face of our enemies. O Lord, have mercy.

Congregation sings

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Christian Worship 268 st. 2

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o’er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

✠ **The Third Reproach**

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 the Lord your God? O my people!

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Congregation sings

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”
Christian Worship 268 st. 3

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o’er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!

Closing Response in Hope of the Resurrection

P: I will declare your name to my brothers.
In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
You who fear the LORD, praise him!
For he has not despised nor detested the affliction of the afflicted.
He has not hidden his face from him,
But when he cried out to him, he heard.

P: We adore you, O Christ!

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The pastor will exit the chancel. Please leave the sanctuary quietly and refrain from speaking until outside.

Announcements

This evening—*Welcome in our Savior's Name!* May the blessing of our faithful Savior, and the peace which comes from his suffering and death on the cross, give you new life, new hope, and new strength. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

Saturday—Clean: J. Schueler

- Lawn mowing beginning March 31st—C. Schueler
- Please make sure you have your flowers to church by noon so the “memory garden” can be set up by 2:00 pm.

Sunday, March 31st—Easter Festival Worship at 9:30 am.

Christ the Lord is Risen! It is a message of great joy, great hope, and great confidence. It is also a message we want to share with others. Take the time to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to come and hear what Jesus' resurrection means for them. A brunch will follow the service.

- In preparation for this service there are sign up sheets for food, cleanup, setup, as well as flowers. Serve the Lord in gladness!
- There will be no Bible Class this Sunday because of the brunch following the service.

Thank You . . .

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