

Good Friday



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Good Friday

Greeting

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

Christian Worship 110:1-3

Led by Chris Driesbach & The Rock of Ages

Children

♪ My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

**He came from heaven's throne
salvation to bestow,
But they disowned him; few the longed-for
Christ would know!**

**This is my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend!**

**Palm branches pave his way,
and his sweet praises ring,
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to the King.
Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.**

The Gospel *John 19:1-16*

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²The soldiers also twisted together a crown of thorns and placed it on his head. Then they threw a purple robe around him. ³They kept coming to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they kept hitting him in the face.

⁴Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁵So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

⁶When the chief priests and guards saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?"

But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰So Pilate asked him, "Are you not talking to me? Don't you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?"

¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!"

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge's seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic.

¹⁴It was about the sixth hour on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your king!"

¹⁵They shouted, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Should I crucify your king?"

"We have no king but Caesar!" the chief priests answered.

¹⁶So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Sermon

Isaiah 59

Only God Could Intervene to Save

The LORD's arm is not too short to save,
and his ear is not too deaf to hear.

²No, it is your guilt that has separated you
from your God,
and your sins have hidden God's face from you, so
that he does not hear.

¹⁵ The LORD looked and saw something evil
—there was no justice.

¹⁶He saw that there was no one.

He was appalled that there was no one

who could intervene.

So his own arm worked salvation for him.

²⁰... a redeemer will come for Zion
and for those in Jacob who turn from rebellion.
This is the declaration of the LORD.

Hymn

Stricken Smitten and Afflicted

Christian Worship 120:1-2

Led by Branches Band & Rock of Ages Children

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;

Proofs I see sufficient of it:

'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, as you 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 intervene to save,
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that justice gave.**

SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

The First Word

Luke 23:34

When they came to the place called The Skull, 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."

Hymn

Stricken Smitten and Afflicted

Christian Worship 120:3-4

Led by Branches Band & Rock of Ages Children

**3 If you think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here you see 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.**

**4 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 have built.**

The Second Word

Luke 23:43

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."

Hymn O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Christian Worship 105:1-2

Led by Chris Driesbach and Rock of Ages Children

♪ O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
with thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory
now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,

I joy to call you mine.

**Men mock you and they taunt you,
they smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds will fear you
and run before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish,
with such abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish
that once were bright as morn!**

The Third Word John 19:26

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!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Christian Worship 105:3-4

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**My burden in your passion,
Lord, you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression,
my shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you;
wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you;
Redeemer, leave me not!**

**Where can I find the language
to thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow,
your suffering without end?
Oh, make me yours forever,
and keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, ever
outlive my love for you.**

The Fourth Word Mark 15:34

When it was the sixth hour (noon), darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour (3pm). 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?"

Hymn

"Save Us And Restore Us" (Psalm 80)

Led by Branches Band

O Shepherd of Israel, awaken your might

You sit among the cherubim;

shine forth your light.

You lead Joseph like a flock with power divine

Refrain

Come to save us and restore us;

Cause your face to shine.

Come to save us and restore us;

Cause your face to shine.

How long will your anger burn

against our prayers?

You have fed us with and made us drink

a river's worth of tears

Our enemies laugh at us

our neighbors deride. *Refrain.*

O lord the vine you planted

with your own hand

Had branches reaching to the sea
and filling the land.

Now cut down, burned, and ravaged is
your sacred vine. ***Refrain.***

**Lord let your hand be on the man
of your right hand.**

**You have raised up for yourself
the son of man.**

**Revive us and we will call
on your name divine. *Refrain.***

The Fifth Word John 19:28

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. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

Offering Meditation

What Where You Thinking?

Sung by Chris Driesbach

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What were you thinking as your trust was betrayed?
“They’re tying my hands
While my friends run away?”
Armies of angels would’ve answered your call.
And you didn’t struggle at all.

What were you thinking when they spit in your
face?
“I’ll get even with them,
And the whole human race?”
They crowned you with thorns, though you are
more than a king.
And you didn’t say anything.

What were you thinking? A person could ask.
Were you out of your mind to agree?
What were you thinking, to stand in between
An angry Father and me?

What were you thinking as you hung on the tree?
“A curse on them all
For laughing at me?”
Of all of these things your thoughts were perfectly
free.
And you purchased heaven for me.

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What were you thinking as you hung on the tree?
"A curse on them all
For laughing at me?"
Armies of angels would've answered your call.
You didn't struggle at all.
You said, "Father, forgive them all."
And you purchased heaven for us all.

The Sixth Word John 19:30

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

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

Christian Worship 110:4-5

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Children

Why, what has my Lord done

**to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run
and gave the blind their sight.
What injuries! Yet they are why
The Lord Most High so cruelly dies.**

**With angry shouts they rave;
lead my dear Lord away.
A murderer they save;
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet willingly he bears the shame,
And by his name his foes are freed.**

The Seventh Word Luke 23:46

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Psalm 22

selected verses

Read by Phineas Barthel

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
My groaning does nothing to save me.
I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by men and despised by the people.
All who see me mock me. They sneer.
They shake their heads.

They say, "Trust in the LORD."

"Let the LORD deliver him.

Let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

But you are the one who brought me out of the belly. You made me trust when I was at my mother's breasts. I was cast on you from the womb. From the belly of my mother you have been my God.

Enemies open their mouths wide against me,
like a lion that tears its prey and roars.

Like 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.

My 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.

A band of evil men has encircled me.

They have pierced my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me.

They divide my garments among them.

For my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be distant.

O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

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.

The poor will eat and be satisfied.

Those who seek him will praise the LORD— may he live in your hearts forever!

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before you.

All who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

For generations people will be told about the Lord. They will come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet to be born— because he has done it.

PRAYER

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A loud noise (strepitus) representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard, and the seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

May the LORD our God be with us, just as he was with our fathers.

May he never leave us or abandon us.

May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways (1 Kings 8:57-58a)

Amen.

Closing Reading

Isaiah 53

He was despised and rejected by men,
...and we thought nothing of him.

Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,
and he was carrying our sufferings.

... it was because of our rebellion that he was
pierced.

He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.

The punishment that brought us peace was
upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

We all have gone astray like sheep.
Each of us has turned to his own way,
but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.

Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that is silent in front of its
shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

So, he was cut off from the land of the living.

He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.

⁹They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked,
but he was given a grave with the rich in his death,
because he had done no violence,
and no deceit was in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him
and to allow him to suffer.

...the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.

¹¹After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.

Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many,
for he himself carried their guilt.

...because he poured out his life to death,

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing silently into the night. Those who wish to do so, may remain for meditation.

We recall how the Lord was placed in the tomb to rest on the Sabbath until he rose on the morning of the third day. His work of our redemption was completed.

Join us 9:00am on Easter Sunday.

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