



# GOOD FRIDAY

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, at this hour, the Church remembers the unfathomable death our Lord Jesus willingly took upon Himself to take away our sins. It is a reminder of the magnitude of our sin and, at the same time, the great value He places on us and our salvation. Let us therefore ponder His suffering and death with sober reflection and resolute joy.

## READING

*Matthew 27:24–44*

**P** A reading from St. Matthew, chapter 27.

<sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. <sup>37</sup>And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>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.” <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“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. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ” <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

## **HYMN: 449 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED**

### **THE FIRST WORD**

*Luke 23:33–34*

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. And Jesus said, “*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*” And they cast lots to divide His garments.

## COLLECT

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, in Your sinlessness You never needed forgiveness and yet You forgave those who sinned against You without cause. Give us grace and courage to forgive those who wrong us, that we may so draw attention to Your forgiving glory on the cross.

**C** Amen.

HYMN            “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (*LSB* 447:1–3)

Jesus, in Your dying woes,  
Even while Your lifeblood flows,  
Craving pardon for Your foes:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue  
When our sins Your pangs renew,  
For we know not what we do:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need,  
Be like You in heart and deed,  
When with wrong our spirits bleed:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

## First Candle extinguished

### THE SECOND WORD

*Luke 23:39–43*

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your

kingdom.” And He said to him, “*Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.*”

#### COLLECT

**L** Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom that we, too, may be with You in Paradise.

**C** Amen.

#### HYMN “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (LSB 447:4–6)

Jesus, pitying the sighs  
Of the thief, who near You dies,  
Promising him paradise:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in our guilt and shame  
Still Your love and mercy claim,  
Calling humbly on Your name:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May our hearts to You incline  
And their thoughts Your cross entwine.  
Cheer our souls with hope divine:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

### Second candle extinguished

#### THE THIRD WORD

*John 19:26–27*

When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “*Woman, behold, your son!*” Then He said to the disciple, “*Behold, your mother!*” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

COLLECT

**L** Lord Jesus, even in Your death, You put those who are lonely and neglected into families. Draw many into Your family that we may praise You together with them forever.

**C** Amen.

HYMN “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (*LSB* 447:7–9)

Jesus, loving to the end  
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,  
And Your dearest human friend:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in Your sorrows share,  
For Your sake all peril dare,  
And enjoy Your tender care:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we all Your loved ones be,  
All one holy family,  
Loving, since Your love we see:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

**Third candle extinguished**

THE FOURTH WORD

*Mark 15:34*

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

COLLECT

**L** Lord Jesus, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, You were forsaken by Your Father so that we would not be forsaken. Give us grace to rely on Your complete sacrifice, that we may always trust our heavenly Father’s love for us.

**C** Amen.

HYMN “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (LSB 447:10–12)

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,  
With our evil left alone,  
While no light from heav’n is shown:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

When we seem in vain to pray  
And our hope seems far away,  
In the darkness be our stay:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Though no Father seem to hear,  
Though no light our spirits cheer,  
May we know that God is near:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

### **Fourth candle extinguished**

THE FIFTH WORD

*John 19:28*

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said  
(to fulfill the Scripture), “*I thirst.*”

COLLECT

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Jews and King of the nations,  
You have promised that those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness would be satisfied. Give us faith to trust that  
Your thirst on the cross supplies all that we need.
- C** Amen.

HYMN “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (LSB 447:13–15)

Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,  
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Thirst for us in mercy still;  
All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we thirst Your love to know.  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

### **Fifth candle extinguished**

THE SIXTH WORD

*John 19:30*

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “*It is finished,*” and He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit.

COLLECT

- L** Lord Jesus, You could have found the pain to be too much. You could have come down from the cross. But You remained until all was finished. Give us confidence to follow You completely through our trials and crosses because You are the author and finisher of our faith.
- C** Amen.



HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (LSB 447:16–18)

Jesus, all our ransom paid,  
All Your Father’s will obeyed;  
By Your sufferings perfect made:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Save us in our soul’s distress;  
Be our help to cheer and bless  
While we grow in holiness:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Brighten all our heav’nward way  
With an ever holier ray  
Till we pass to perfect day:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

**Sixth Candle extinguished**

THE SEVENTH WORD

*Luke 23:44–46*

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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.

COLLECT

**L** Lord Jesus, when You had finished all, You handed Your spirit over to Your Father, that He would then give His spirit back to You. Keep us in the one true faith, that on the last day, Your spirit may be given back to our mortal bodies and we may rise to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (*LSB* 447:19–21)

Jesus, all Your labor vast,  
All Your woe and conflict past,  
Yielding up Your soul at last:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

When the death shades round us low’r,  
Guard us from the tempter’s pow’r,  
Keep us in that trial hour:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May Your life and death supply  
Grace to live and grace to die,  
Grace to reach the home on high:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

**SERMON HYMN: 456 WERE YOU THERE**

SERMON

**CLOSING HYMN: 454 SING MY TONGUE THE GLORIOUS BATTLE**

READING

*Isaiah 52:14-53:10*

<sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

15 so *d* shall he sprinkle<sup>3</sup> many nations.

*e* Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
*f* for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

53 *a* Who has believed what he has heard from us?<sup>1</sup>

And to whom has *h* the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
*i* and like a root out of dry ground;

*J* he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> *k* He was despised and rejected<sup>2</sup> by men,  
a man of sorrows<sup>3</sup> and acquainted with<sup>4</sup> grief;<sup>5</sup>  
and as one from whom men hide their faces<sup>6</sup>  
he was despised, and *l* we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> *m* Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,  
*n* smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> *o* But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
*p* and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> *q* All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
*r* and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
*s* yet he opened not his mouth;  
*t* like a *u* lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet *y* it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief.<sup>z</sup>

**C** 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.

**Seventh Candle extinguished**

**Congregation leaves in silence**