

GOOD FRIDAY

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APRIL 2, 2021

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.

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

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. ²⁸And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, ²⁹and 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!” ³⁰And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹And 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.

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

HYMN: 449 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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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.

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.

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.

First Candle blown out

A period of silence.

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.*”

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.

COLLECT

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

Second Candle blown out

A period of silence.

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.

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.

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.

Third candle blown out

A period of silence.

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?”

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.

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.

Fourth candle blown out

A period of silence.

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

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

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.

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.

Fifth candle blown out

A period of silence.

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.

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.

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.

Sixth Candle blown out

A period of silence.

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.

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.

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.

SERMON HYMN: 456 WERE YOU THERE



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...
there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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SERMON

READING

Matthew 27:51–54

L A reading from St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter:

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When 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!”

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

- L** Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation.
- C** Amen.

Seventh Candle blown out

Congregation leaves in silence