

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship | Good Friday Service
April 2, 2021**

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Tonight's service is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence suggests the drama of this momentous day. As we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death, we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice and we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

Meditation: Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Salutation & Call to Worship

L: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

All: who redeems us from sin and death.

L: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: Man of Sorrows! What a Name | 246

1. Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood, sealed my pardon with
his blood: Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

3. Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he; full atonement!
Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

4. Lifted up he was to die, "It is finished" was his cry; now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

5. When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song
we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Pastoral Prayer for Illumination

The Betrayal: Matthew 26:20-25

20 When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. **21** And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." **22** And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" **23** He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. **24** The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." **25** Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Song of Response: Lamb of God

1. Your only son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
2. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died;
the humble king they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side;
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a Lamb of God. *Refrain*

The Agony of Spirit and Arrest: Matthew 26:36-50

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." **37** And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38** Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." **39** And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." **40** And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? **41** Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." **42** Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." **43** And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. **44** So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. **45** Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." **47** While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. **48** Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." **49** And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. **50** Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

Song of Response: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed | 254

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

The Denial: Matthew 26:69-75

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." **70** But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." **71** And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." **72** And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." **73** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." **74** Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. **75** And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Song of Response: The Power of the Cross

1. 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 power 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 bloodstained brow.
This, the power 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 power 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 suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live; won through your selfless love.
This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

The Accusation: Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." **12** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. **13** Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" **14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. **21** The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." **22** Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" **23** And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" **24** 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." **25** And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" **26** Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. **27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. **28** And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, **29** 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!"

Song of Response: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | 252

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Crucifixion and Humiliation: Matthew 27:31-43

31 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. **32** As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. **33** And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), **34** they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. **35** And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. **36** Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. **37** And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." **38** Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. **39** And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads **40** 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." **41** So 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. **43** He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Song of Response: How Deep the Father's Love For Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us? How vast beyond all measure?
That he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss? The Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.
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The Death: Matthew 27:45-54

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" **47** And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." **48** And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. **49** But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." **50** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. **51** And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. **52** The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, **53** and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. **54** When 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!"

Response: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross | 264

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
free to all - a healing stream - flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. *Refrain*

3. Near the cross! O lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain*

The Burial: Matthew 27:57-60

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. **58** He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. **59** And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud **60** and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

Response: Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? (stanzas 1-4) | 260

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Silent Meditation

L: May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

Depart in silence.

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
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