

Adoration of the Cross

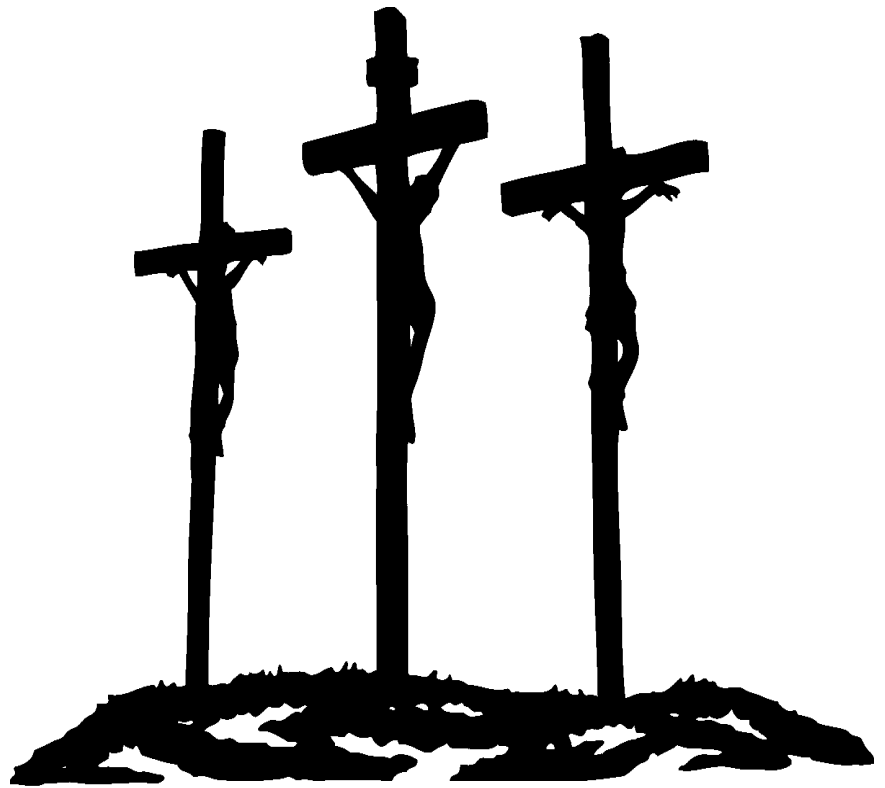
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Good Friday

April 10, 2020

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
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!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

The First Word

Luke 23:32-34

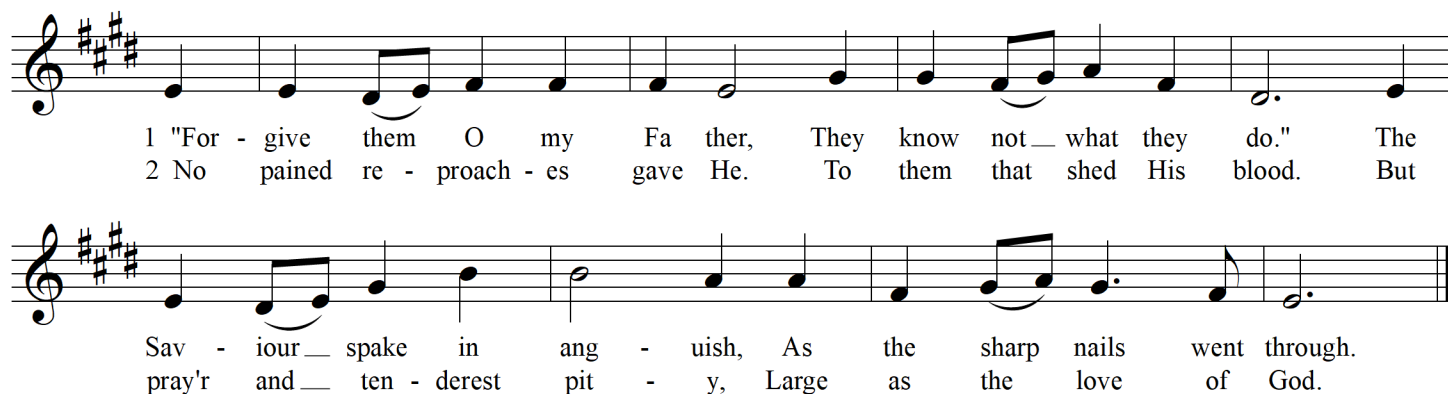
Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

First candle is lit.

P: Let us pray. Most blessed Jesus, through your suffering, you paid for our sins. Give us a deep hatred of sin. Grant us a tender spirit toward sinners, and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Teach us to confess our own sin and to seek reconciliation with those whom we have sinned against, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Meditation Hymn



1 "For - give them O my Fa ther, They know not what they do." The
2 No paind re - proach - es gave He. To them that shed His blood. But

Sav - iour spake in ang - uish, As the sharp nails went through.
pray'r and ten - derest pit - y, Large as the love of God.

The Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, *remember me when you come into your kingdom.*' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Second candle is lit.

P: Let us pray. Most blessed Lord Jesus, you forgave the thief on the cross. Look on us with mercy and compassion. Give us a strong faith in you, a humble remembrance of our sins, and the strength to confess you before others, and so wash us in your blood that we may share in your glory forever, through Jesus Christ, your only beloved Son, and our Lord.

C: Amen.

Meditation Hymn

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The Third Word

John 19:25-27

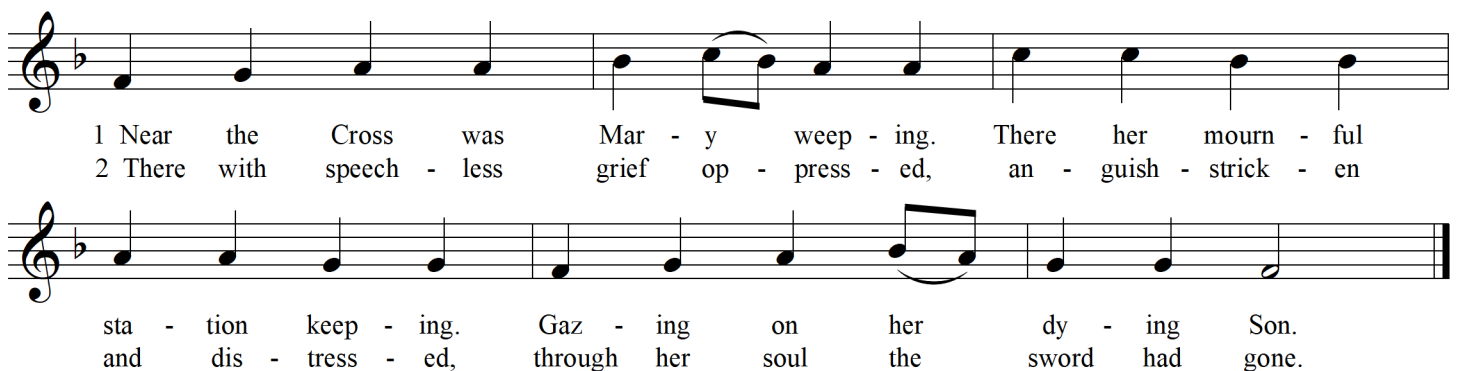
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Third candle is lit.

P: Let us pray. O most Holy Lord Jesus, you left us an example of holy love by leaving your mother in the care of the disciple. Purify our own feelings and pour out your blessings on our homes and relationships. Comfort the homeless, and cause us to act tenderly toward them, and bring us to your home above, where we with your mother and all the saints may worship and adore you with your Father and the Holy Spirit forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation Hymn



1 Near the Cross was Mar - y weep - ing. There her mourn - ful
2 There with speech - less grief op - press - ed, an - guish - strick - en

sta - tion keep - ing. Gaz - ing on her dy - ing Son.
and dis - tress - ed, through her soul the sword had gone.

The Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-46

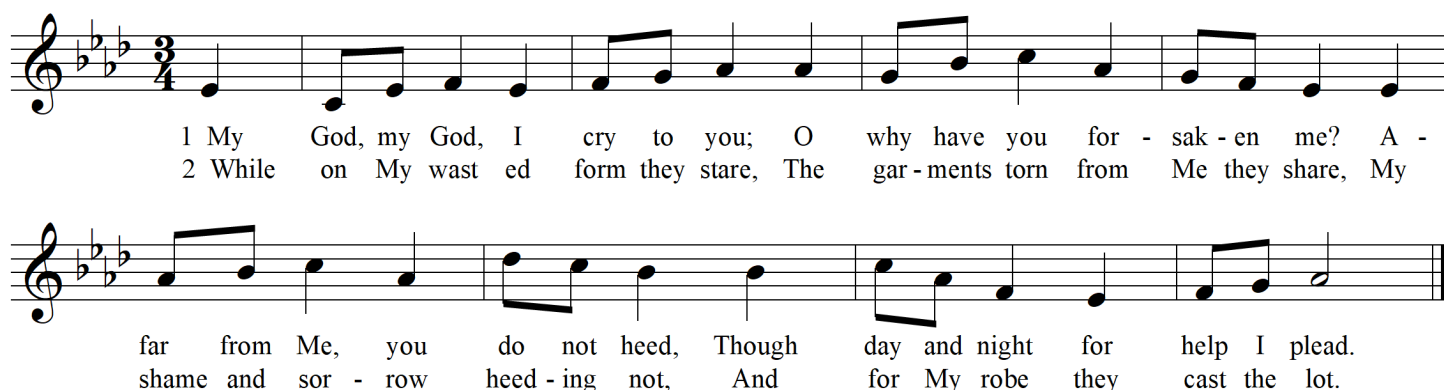
From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Fourth candle is lit.

P: Let us pray. O blessed Lord Jesus, you bitterly suffered alone on the cross and experienced the anguish of separation. Come, and be with us in times of despair and loneliness, and transform our sadness into fellowship with you. We pray also for our sisters and brothers throughout the world who experience alienation, oppression, and aloneness. Comfort and support them with your presence, and bring them to a place of rest in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Meditation Hymn



1 My God, my God, I cry to you; O why have you for - sak - en me? A -
2 While on My wast ed form they stare, The gar - ments torn from Me they share, My
far from Me, you do not heed, Though day and night for help I plead.
shame and sor - row heed - ing not, And for My robe they cast the lot.

The Fifth Word

John 19:28-29

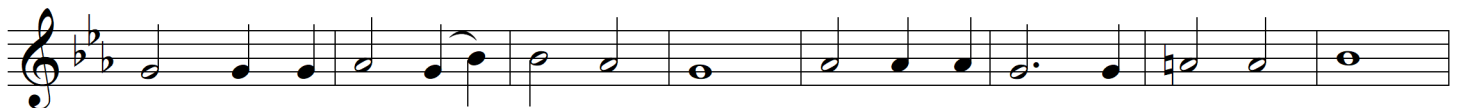
After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Fifth candle is lit.

P: Let us pray. O most blessed Jesus, you who thirsted and experienced pain for us. Kindle in our hearts a thirst for you that we may love and serve you and lead others to find their rest in you. Remember, O Lord, all the sick and dying and deliver them from pain, granting them a happy ending through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation Hymn



1 That sponge of vin - e - gar and gall Was placed by me up - on His tongue:
2 And yet His blood was shed for me, To be of sin the dou - ble cure;



And when de - ri - sion mocked His call, I stood that mock - ing crowd a - mong.
And balm there flows from Cal - vary's tree That heals my guilt and makes me pure.

The Sixth Word

John 19:30

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.'
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Sixth candle is lit.

P: Let us pray. O most blessed Savior, you proclaimed the perfect fulfillment of your work and bowed your wounded head in completion. Work in us the grace of your salvation that we might live in union with you. And whatever good work you have begun in us, continue it throughout our days that we might be full of your calling and be patient in doing well to others through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation Hymn



1 "It is fin - ished" all the pain, All the sor - row, all the stain;
2 Now at last His eye - lids close On the hat - red of His foes.



Death has freed the Lord of life, From the bur - den of his strife.
Sav - ing oth - ers, all He gave, But Him - self He would not save.

The Seventh Word

Luke 23:46

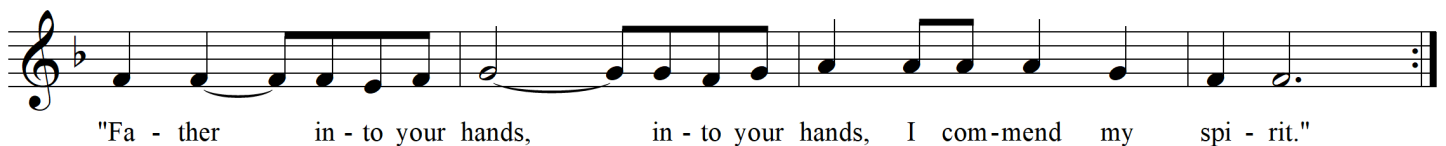
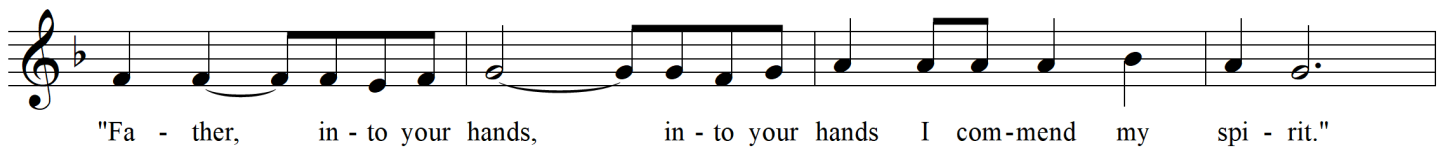
Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

Seventh candle is lit.

P: Let us pray. O most blessed Savior, you gave up your precious life to atone for sin and conquer the powers of evil. Grant us the power to live in your name. Do not forsake us in our hour of need. Confirm our faith, deepen our repentance, and strengthen us with your body and blood, and may we come to that heavenly rest where you dwell forever, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Meditation Hymn



The Confession

P: God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Together, let us confess our sins.

P: O Christ,

C: We are stripped bare by your suffering. You see our dreams, our demons, and the secrets we keep even from ourselves. Forgive all that needs to be forgiven, healed all that needs to be healed, awaken all the good that sleeps in us, banish all the fears that paralyze us. Put the power of your cross into our lives for ever, and clothe us with hope and love.

Lord's Prayer

P: Finally, for all our sins, known and unknown, we seek your forgiveness as we boldly pray

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.

The Absolution

P: People of God, we have turned our hearts to God in repentance and our sins are laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ. In the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Organ Meditation

David Lasky

Were You There

The Solemn Reproaches

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?

How have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
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P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
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P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
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P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
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P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
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P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
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I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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have mercy on us.**

P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

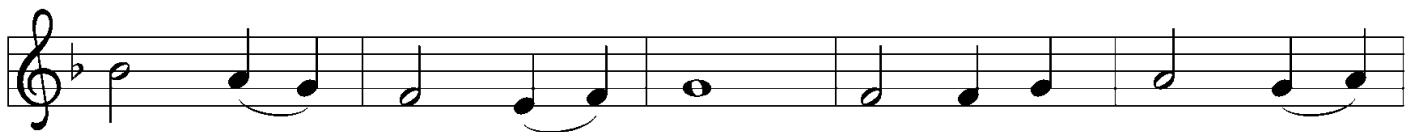
**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
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Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Final Meditation

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

*Together we journey to
the cross, grave, and the open tomb!*

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