



GOOD FRIDAY

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, an abounding in steadfast love”.

Joel 2:12-13

April 15, 2022

The Liturgy of Good Friday

-On this day the ministers enter in silence

-All then kneel for silent prayer

-The Officiant rises and says

Officiant: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,
**People: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of
us all.**

-The Officiant continues in prayer.

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Last Words of Jesus from the Cross

According to Luke's Gospel

The First Last Words of Jesus - Luke 23:32-34

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ 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. ³⁴ And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide his garments.

1st Meditation - The Rev. Jim McCaslin

The Second Last Words of Jesus - *Luke 23:35-43*

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

⁴¹ And he indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ And he said to him, “**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**”

2nd Meditation - The Rev. Bruce Ford

The Third and Final Words of Jesus from the Cross - *Luke 23:44-49*

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶ 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. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!”

⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Final Meditation - The Rev. Chuck Holliday

-All stand

Hymn of Meditation - Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

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The Great Litany

Celebrant: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed

with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us forever.

People: *Spare us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: From all evil and wickedness; from sin, from the works and assaults of the devil; from your wrath and everlasting condemnation,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: By your agony and bloody sweat; by your Cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: By your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending of the Holy Spirit; by your heavenly intercession; and by your coming again in power and great glory,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Celebrant: We sinners beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that, both by their preaching and living, they may show it accordingly,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper their work by your Holy Spirit; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To give all your people increase of grace to hear your Word with humility, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To bless and keep all your people,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please you to rule the hearts of your servants *Joe Biden*, our President and *Ron DeSantis*, our Governor and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before you,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To bless and guide all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To bless and keep our armed forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To bless and protect all who serve their communities by their labor and learning,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To give and preserve for us and for others the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that at the harvest we all may enjoy them,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To make wars to cease in all the world, and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

- Celebrant: That it may please you to show mercy on all prisoners and captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry; and all those who are desolate and oppressed,
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*
- Celebrant: To preserve all who are in danger by reason of their work or travel,
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*
- Celebrant: To strengthen the bonds of those in Holy Matrimony; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife,
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*
- Celebrant: To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women in childbirth;
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*
- Celebrant: To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans,
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*
- Celebrant: To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*
- Celebrant: To support, help, and deliver all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*
- Celebrant: To have mercy upon all people,
People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: To grant that, in the fellowship of Church of Our Savior and all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,

People: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

People: *Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People: *Grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: O Christ, hear us.

People: *O Christ, hear us.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Supplication

Celebrant: O Lord, arise and help us;

People: *And deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Celebrant: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the time before them.

Celebrant: O Lord, arise and help us;

People: *And deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant: O Lord, arise and help us;

People: *And deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Celebrant: From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

People: *Graciously behold our afflictions.*

Celebrant: With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

People: *Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.*

Celebrant: With favor hear our prayers;

People: *O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: Be pleased to hear us, O Christ;

People: *Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

-The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, rescue us from all those evils we now endure; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, serving you in holiness and purity of life, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Final Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set your passion, cross and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed, to your Church peace and concord and to us sinners forgiveness, and everlasting life and glory; for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you are alive and reign, God, now and for ever.

All People: Amen.

The Burial of Jesus

Luke 23:50-56

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

-The Ministers leave in silence followed by the congregation.

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