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THE BIDDING PRAYER

Recessional Hymn #452



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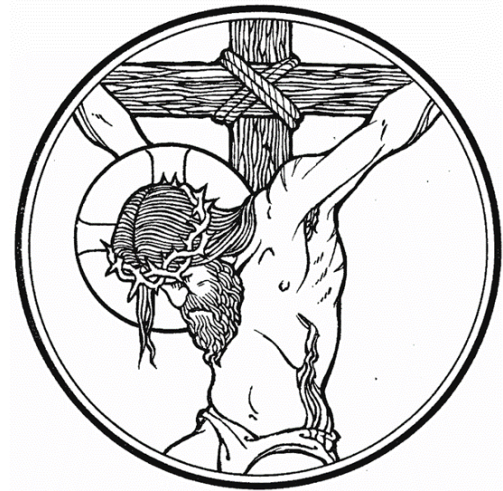
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GOOD FRIDAY *Tre Ore*

About Today's Service

Good Friday, the Friday of Holy Week in the calendar of the Christian churches, is set apart to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. It is part of the sacred **Triduum** (Thursday-Saturday), the three-day observance of Christ's Passion. The name may originally have been "God's Friday," but it is certainly also "good" because of the good gifts Christ won for us on this day. Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day of repentance over sin, restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Holy (Mandatum) Thursday.



The earliest name for this day, "Pascha," refers to the Jewish Passover celebrated at this time. In the beginning, the day's observances grew out of this Jewish Passover custom of keeping "the days of unleavened bread" from the fourteenth to the twenty-first Nisan. Other names were: "Day of the Lord's Passion," "Day of the Absolution," and "Day of the Cross." The name "Good Friday" is a peculiarly English expression. It reflects the joy of completed redemption and protests against superstitious notions that all Fridays are "unlucky" and that this particular Friday must be shrouded in funeral gloom. Although, it is more probably derived from a corruption of "God's Friday." It was called "Long Friday" by the Saxons and Danes, apparently in allusion to the long services held on that day in the churches. In medieval days, notably in Spain, the churches were closed on this day as a sign of mourning.

Good Friday Worship Services reflect the character of solemn, restrained praise. Our **Tre Ore** service today will be celebrated by many other churches for a part or all of three hours, from the "6th hour" (12noon) to the "9th hour" (3pm). It was during this time that darkness descended upon the land as our Lord hung upon the Cross. His death occurred sometime close to the 9th hour. The Tre Ore service is historically composed of the **Reproaches** (Litany or prayer), the Reading of the **Seven Last Words of Jesus** while on the Cross, **Meditations** (short sermons on the Words), and the **Bidding Prayer**. The germ of the Bidding Prayer may be found in the worship of the Jewish synagogue, where prayers were offered for members of the Jewish community and their needs. The early Christians expanded the idea. Justin Martyr in the second century speaks of such a prayer as the "Deacon's Litany" or the "Prayer of the Faithful." The text of today's Bidding Prayer probably dates from the time of Leo the Great in the fifth century.

We will gather **later this evening at 7:00pm for the Tenebrae Service**, at **7:00pm tomorrow for the Vigil Service** and then celebrate on **Easter Sunday at 8:15am & 10:45am**, with Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt in between.

In His Service Today:

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| P Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor | A Seminarian William Harr |
| A Rev. Aaron Schultz, Headmaster & Assoc. Pastor | A Rev. Edward Davis, Retired Pastor |
| A Rev. James Grady, Emeritus Pastor | A Rev. Walt Ullman, Retired Pastor |

12:00pm

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| Greeter: OPEN | Choir Director: Deb Trewartha |
| Ushers: Adam Heike | Kantor/Organist: Phil Lehman |
| Elder: Don Hahn | Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay |

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GOOD FRIDAY *Tre Ore*

Prelude & Tolling of Bells

Processional Hymn

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

#440 sts. 1-3

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suffering, pain, and death
That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,

How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.

- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.

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Stand

THE REPROACHES

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people.
- C** **Holy Lord God, holy and Mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord have mercy.**
- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.
- C** **Holy Lord God, holy and Mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord have mercy.**
- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people.
- C** **Holy Lord God, holy and Mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with Thy Spirit.
- P** Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in You now and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Hymn

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

#440 sts. 4-6

- 4 Grant that I Your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.

How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF OUR LORD FROM THE CROSS

Stand

I. Luke 23:32-34

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

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

#447 sts.1-3

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

2 Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew,

For we know not what we do:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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

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Meditation

Rev. Aaron Schultz, Headmaster & Associate Pastor

Stand

II. Luke 23:39-43

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 we 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.”**

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

#447 sts. 4-6

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

5 May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim,

Calling humbly on Your name:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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

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Meditation

Rev. Edward Davis, Retired Pastor

Stand

III. John 19:25-27

²⁵Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Hymn

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

#447 sts.7-9

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

And enjoy Your tender care:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

8 May we in Your sorrows share,
For Your sake all peril dare,

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

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Meditation

Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor

Stand

IV. Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And 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?**"

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Hymn

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

#447 sts.10-12

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

In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,

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

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Meditation

Rev. Walt Ullman, Retired Pastor

Stand

V. John 19:28

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "**I thirst.**"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Hymn**“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”**

#447 sts.13-15

- 13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood
drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;

Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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

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Meditation**Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor***Stand***VI. John 19:29-30**

²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

*Sit***Hymn****“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”**

#447 sts.16-18

- 16 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father’s will obeyed;
By Your sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 17 Save us in our soul’s distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless

While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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

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Meditation**Seminarian William Harr (2nd Year at CTSFW)***Stand***VII. Luke 23:46**

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** And having said this he breathed his last.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

*Sit***Hymn****“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”**

#447 sts.19-21

- 19 Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 20 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.

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

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Meditation**Rev. Jim Grady, Emeritus Pastor***Stand*

THE BIDDING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:
- P** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:
- P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church;
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God’s holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- P** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious invitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- P** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

- A** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.

Recessional Hymn

“O Perfect Life of Love”

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| <p>1 O perfect life of love!
 All, all, is finished now,
 All that He left His throne above
 To do for us below.</p> <p>2 No work is left undone
 Of all the Father willed;
 His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
 The Scriptures have fulfilled.</p> <p>3 No pain that we can share
 But He has felt its smart;
 All forms of human grief and care
 Have pierced that tender heart.</p> <p>4 And on His thorn-crowned head
 And on His sinless soul</p> | <p>Our sins in all their guilt were laid
 That He might make us whole.</p> <p>5 In perfect love He dies;
 For me He dies, for me.
 O all-atoning Sacrifice,
 I cling by faith to Thee.</p> <p>6 In ev’ry time of need,
 Before the judgment throne,
 Thy work, O Lamb of God, I’ll plead,
 Thy merits, not mine own.</p> <p>7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
 As Thou for me hast wrought;
 And let my love the answer be
 To grace Thy love has brought.</p> |
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