

Answer me.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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: 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.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*Silence for reflection*

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us**

Jesus, bearer of our sin and brokenness,  
**have mercy on us**

Jesus, redeemer of the world.  
**grant us peace.**

We adore you, Lord Jesus, and we bless you.

**For by your holy cross, your love has redeemed the world.**

HYMN

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

Hymn 338

*All depart in silence.*

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# Good Friday

April 15, 2022



**"It is finished"**

## GOOD FRIDAY

*Last evening we began our worship of the great Three Days. Sitting with Jesus at the table as he washed his disciples feet, we received the love of Jesus through this act of service and through the sacrament of communion. Tonight, we gather beneath Christ's cross and remember Christ's life-giving passion. Our service ends in silence, and culminates on Easter morning.*

### WE GATHER BENEATH THE CROSS OF CHRIST

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

In the shadow of our suffering  
**is the suffering of Jesus.**  
In the shadow of our weakness  
**is the vulnerability of Christ.**  
In the shadow of our pain  
**is the God who cried out.**  
We are never rejected,  
**we are never left alone.**

HYMN            *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*            Hymn 351

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.  
<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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

HYMN

"Were You There"

Hymn 353  
(vs. 3 and 4)

## THE SHADOW OF SECRECY

SCRIPTURE: John 19:38-42

*The Christ candle is extinguished as a symbol of the death of God. Chimes are rung 33 times, once for each year of Christ's life, before hearing the sound of the stone sealing Christ's tomb.*

### WE REFLECT ON CHRIST'S DEATH

Having heard the story of Christ's death, we acknowledge our sin, our brokenness, and the ways we have turned from God's gift of grace: God's unending love. So along with the 12 disciples who abandoned our Lord at the end, and with the whole church of God, gathered at the foot of the cross tonight asking for God's forgiveness, we hear God ask us yet again....

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt, from slavery into freedom, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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

I led you through the desert for forty years and fed you with manna; 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.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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

I went before you in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many  
righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

READING: Psalm 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my  
groaning?

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>**In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>**But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup>**"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"**

<sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>**On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>**Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>**I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;**

**it is melted within my breast;**

<sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>**For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled;**

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>**they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots**

HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Hymn 345  
(vs. 1-3)

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## SERVICE OF DARKNESS

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### THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

SCRIPTURE: John 18:1-11

REFLECTION

*A chime rings and the first candle is extinguished.*

PRAYER

### THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

SCRIPTURE: John 18:12-27

REFLECTION

*A chime rings and the second candle is extinguished.*

PRAYER

HYMN

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Hymn 349  
(vs. 1 and 2)

### THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

SCRIPTURE: John 18:28-38a

REFLECTION

*A chime rings and the third candle is extinguished.*

PRAYER

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Hymn 347  
(vs. 1 and 2)

### THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY

SCRIPTURE: John 18:38b-19:16a

REFLECTION

*A chime rings and the fourth candle is extinguished.*

PRAYER

### THE SHADOW OF SUFFERING

SCRIPTURE: John 19:16b-25a

REFLECTION

*A chime rings and the fifth candle is extinguished.*

PRAYER

HYMN

"Were You There"

Hymn 353  
(vs. 1 and 2)

### THE SHADOW OF DEATH

SCRIPTURE: John 19:25-37

REFLECTION

*A chime rings and the sixth candle is extinguished.*

PRAYER