



Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"
The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."
So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

John 19:15-16

March 25, 2016 + Good Friday

Know + Be Known + Make Known

#### **Good Friday**

Good Friday is the culmination of the whole season of Lent. Held on the day of the week that Jesus died, Good Friday is the most solemn day in the annual Christian liturgical calendar because it commemorates the narrative of Jesus' death by crucifixion. Here we recount in great detail the suffering Jesus endured to the point of death in taking upon himself the full consequences of human evil and rebellion against God. It is an occasion to reflect deeply on our sin and to lament the cost of our evil actions. It is also, however, an occasion to give thanks, for the death of Jesus led to the death of sin and the death of death in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. In a great exchange, God himself in the person of Jesus willingly took our place to suffer the just consequences of our sin in order that we might be set free from sin's guilt and power by Jesus' rising from death to life. Seen in the light of Easter, Jesus' death is not a tragedy; it is, rather, the victory of God.

#### Tenebrae - A Service of Shadows

In this tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") service, you will observe a diminishing of light as the candles are extinguished. Please enter and depart quietly and humbly this evening as you contemplate the suffering and death of Christ for your salvation.

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# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Were You There?

Text and tune: African-American spiritual

Soloist: Naima Wartts

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

STANDING (IF ABLE)

# God calls us to worship

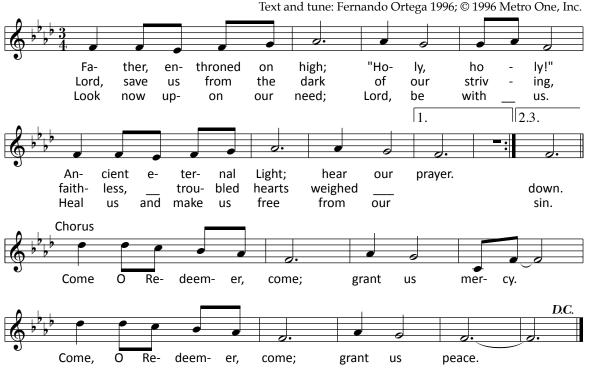
from John 1:29

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant.

Come, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

# We call on the Lord of mercy

Come, O Redeemer, Come



#### God calls us to confess our sin

Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:16

Liturgist: Christ was made like us in every respect,

so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God,

to make atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may

receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1 and 2 of "Psalm 130" (next page)

Liturgist: Father, our hearts are hard because we are blind and deaf to Christ's deep love for us.

Therefore we fail to love you and to love others.

Lord Jesus, you accepted betrayal so that we could be accepted by God.

But when we are betrayed,

All: we lash out, curse others,

and become bitter against God and others.

Liturgist: You agonized so we could have healing from God.

But when we agonize,

All: we run from our pain

and numb ourselves with too much food, sleep, and wine.

Liturgist: You were abandoned so we could be adopted by God.

But when we are lonely,

All: we pity ourselves, become resentful,

and indulge desires that only give false intimacy.

Liturgist: You were deserted so we could be secure with God.

But when we are deserted,

All: we become insecure and anxious

and forget that we are ever walking in your sight.

Liturgist: You were accused unjustly so we could be acquitted before God.

But even when we are justly accused,

All: we rabidly defend ourselves

and care more about our hurt feelings than your truth and justice.

Liturgist: You were mocked so we could be honored before God.

But when we are mocked,

All: we defensively return the harm

and nurse hatred for our enemies.

You died so we could be resurrected on the last day by God. Liturgist:

But when we face death,

All: we idolize youth and believe the devil's original lie:

"You shall not surely die."

Liturgist: Holy Spirit, give us eyes to see and ears to hear of your love for us,

so that our hearts would be softened to receive your love

and to love you and love others in return.

stanza 3 of "Psalm 130" (below) All (sing):

Psalm 130 [From Depths of Woel



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# God declares our forgiveness

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from Romans 5:9-10

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Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, Liturgist:

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much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,

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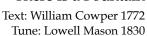
much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. In Jesus Christ, you are not forsaken. In him, your sins are forgiven.

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### We sing the mercy of Jesus' death

#### There Is a Fountain







fountain in his day; and there may ١, though flowing wounds sup ply; re deeming love has







ners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilsinstains. there may ١, though vile as he wash all my sins away. ing theme, and till deemlove has been my shall be die:

**SEATED** 

The shadow of betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25 (pew Bible p. 832)

Reader: The betrayal of our Lord.

All: Christ be praised!

The shadow of inner agony

Matthew 26:36-39 (pew Bible p. 832)

Reader: The agony of our Lord.

All: Christ be adored!

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We sing the love of Jesus' death

O Sacred Head

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux 12th c.
Tune: Hans Leo Hassler 1601

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The shadow of loneliness

**Hymnal #178** 

Matthew 26:40-45 (pew Bible p. 832)

Reader: The loneliness of our Lord.

All: Christ be exalted!

The shadow of desertion

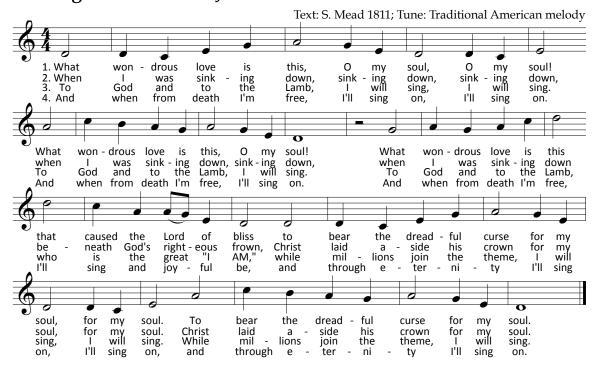
Matthew 26:47-56 (pew Bible p. 833)

Liturgist: The desertion of our Lord.

All: Christ be glorified!

### We sing the wonder of Jesus' death

#### What Wondrous Love Is This



SEATED

Reader:

### The shadow of accusation

The accusation of our Lord.

All: Christ be honored!

# The shadow of mockery

Reader: The mocking of our Lord.

All: Christ be blessed!

# We meditate on Jesus' curse

John 19:12-22

Mark 15:12-20 (pew Bible p. 852)

Matthew 26:59-68 (pew Bible p. 833)

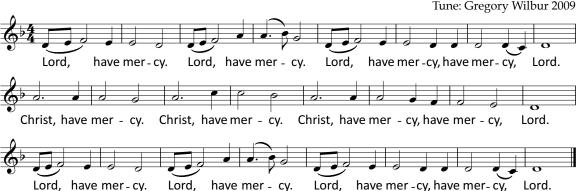
(pew Bible p. 905)

"The Cursed King" Rev. Todd Denholm

### We pray to follow the way of Jesus' death

Lord, Have Mercy from Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Text: Ancient Greek prayer Tune: Gregory Wilbur 2009



Liturgist: Our Father, open the eyes of our heart to know you more deeply

and to love you more truly for the humbling salvation you have given us

in the mystery of Jesus' death for us.

Liturgist: Christ was all anguish that we might be all joy,

All: forsaken that we might be welcomed,

Liturgist: trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed as a friend,

\*\*All: surrendered to hell's worst that we might attain heaven's best,

Liturgist: stripped that we might be clothed,

All: wounded that we might be healed,

Liturgist: thirsty that we might drink,

All: tormented that we might be comforted,
Liturgist: made a shame that we might inherit glory,

All: entered darkness that we might have eternal light.



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Liturgist: Our Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from our eyes,

All: groaned that we might have endless song,

Liturgist: endured all pain that we might have unfading health,

All: bore a thorny crown that we might wear a crown of glory,

Liturgist: bowed his head that we might uplift ours,

All: experienced reproach that we might receive welcome,

Liturgist: closed his eyes in death that we might gaze on unclouded brightness,

All: expired that we might forever live.



Liturgist: O gracious Father, who spared not your only Son that you might spare us,

help us to adore you with undying thanks

and to worship you not only with our lips but also with our life.

Plant the cross deeply in our hearts

so that we might bear its fruit of true life and peace.

O conquering God, lead us in the way of the cross,

dying to the evil in us and rising to eternal life in you.



### We meditate on Jesus' death

All:

Were You There?

Text and tune: African-American spiritual Soloist: Naima Wartts

All (sing): 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.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

### The shadow of death

Mark 15:21-34, 37-39 (pew Bible pp. 852-853)

Solo: 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.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

# Please depart in silence

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