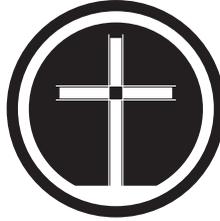


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Good Friday



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Prelude

Bach: O Innocent Lamb of God

Call to Worship

John 1:29

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

A Moment of Personal Silent Reflection

Call to Confession and Prayer

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and Holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of your gift of salvation. I have not loved you as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as you, for Christ's sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts you have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Hymn of
Adoration**
O Mighty Cross

O mighty cross Love lifted high
The Lord of life raised there to die
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross
A tree of life to me

O mighty cross what throne of grace
He knew no sin yet took my place
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross
A tree of life to me

O mighty cross O Christ so pure
Love held him there such shame endured
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross
A tree of life to me

O mighty cross my soul's release
The stripes he bore have brought me peace
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross
A tree of life to me

**The First
Narrative**

Jesus prays in Gethsemane before his betrayal and arrest.
Matthew 26:36-58

Hymn
Did Christ Over
Sinners Weep

Did Christ over sinners weep
And shall our cheeks be dry
Let floods of penitential grief
Burst forth from ev'ry eye
Burst forth from ev'ry eye

Chorus
Behold the Son of God in tears
The angels wond'ring see
Hast thou no wonder O my soul
He shed those tears for thee

He wept that we might weep
Might weep o'er sin and shame
He wept to show his love for us
And bid us love the same
And bid us love the same

Chorus

The Second Narrative

Jesus is on trial before the Jews.
John 18:12-14, Matthew 26:59-68

Leader: So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

People: **Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'"**

Leader: And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent.

People: **And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."**

Leader: Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

People: **Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."**

Leader: Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Hymn

Alas! And Did My
Savior Bleed?

Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov'reign die
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes in tears

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do

The Third Narrative

Peter denies Jesus three times before the rooster crows.
John 18:15-27

Hymn What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this
O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul

When I was sinking down
Sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside his crown
For my soul for my soul
Christ laid aside
His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I AM
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme
I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death
I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And thro' eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

The Fourth Narrative

Jesus is delivered to Pilate, and Pilate delivers Jesus to be crucified.
Matthew 27:1-24

Hymn

Nothing But The
Blood

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus
O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

The Fifth Narrative

Jesus is mocked and crucified.

Mark 15:16-32

Leader: And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

People: **And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull).**

Leader: And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

People: **And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

Leader: So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

All: **Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.**

Hymn

Behold the Lamb

Chorus

Behold the Lamb behold the Lamb

Slain from the foundation of the world

For sinners crucified O holy sacrifice

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb

Crown Him crown Him
Worthy is the Lamb
Praise Him praise Him
Heav'n and earth resound

Chorus
Behold the Lamb behold the Lamb
Slain from the foundation of the world
For sinners crucified O holy sacrifice
Behold the Lamb of God
Behold the Lamb

**The Sixth
Narrative**

Jesus' seven last words spoken from the cross.
Luke 23:32-43, John 19:23-27, Matthew 27:45-56,
John 19:28-30, Luke 23:46-49

Hymn
Beneath the Cross
of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonder of his glorious love
And my unworthiness

Sermon

"Jesus Judged"
Mark 15:1-15
Rev. Richard Harris

**The Seventh
Narrative**

Jesus' side is pierced, and he is buried.
John 19:31-42

**Hymn of
Reflection**

When I Survey The
Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood

See from his head his hands his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Benediction

Prior to the beginning of the Sabbath, Jesus was removed from the cross and laid in a new tomb by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. The tomb was sealed, and a Roman guard was placed before it. While Christ rested in the grave on the Sabbath, the Resurrection victory was coming.

Announcements

- Easter Worship** Please join us Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection together!
Easter Sunday, April 20
7:00 am Sunrise Service (Chapel)
9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services (Sanctuary)
Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.
- Men's Steak Night** Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food Friday, April 25!
Details & registration: cpchouston.org/steak
- Senior Sunday** On Sunday, April 27, we will honor all of our graduating high school seniors during the 11:00 worship service.
- City Group Lunch** Please join us for a City Group lunch at 12:30 pm on Sunday, May 4. If you are not currently in a City Group and would like to learn more about City Groups and how to join one, this lunch is for you! Please visit cpchouston.org/lunch to sign up.
- CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp** Save the date for our CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp June 10-13! We invite rising kindergarten students through fifth graders to be part of this fun-filled camp. Register today at cpchouston.org/camp.
- Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat** We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 24-27! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Register online at cpchouston.org/mo-ranch.
- Worship Choir** Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.
- Men's Bible Study** Join us for our Men's Bible Study on 1 Kings this spring! Pastor Richard Harris leads this time of teaching and small group discussion Tuesday mornings, 6:45-7:45 am, in the Chapel. Sign up at cpchouston.org/men.
- Join a City Group** City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. For more information please contact Jack Smith.
- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School
- Give Online** Visit cpchouston.org/give to give online.

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