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Order for Worship Good Friday

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(BOLD indicates Read Together)

PRELUDE

Pilate's Dream – Webber

Ron Richcreek, vocal

OPENING SENTENCES & WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,
look with mercy on your family
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be given over to the hands of sinners
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. AMEN**

HYMN – “Ten Thousand Angels”

**They bound the hands of Jesus in the garden where He prayed;
They led him thro the streets in shame.
They spat upon the Savior so pure and free from sin.
They said, "Crucify Him! He's to blame."**

Chorus:

**He could have called ten thousand angels To destroy the world and set Him free.
He could have called ten thousand angels but He died alone for you and me.**

**Upon His precious head they placed a crown of thorns;
They laughed and said, "Behold the King."
They struck Him and they cursed Him and mocked His holy name.
All alone he suffered ev'rything.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**When they nailed Him to the Cross, His mother stood nearby;
He said, "Woman, behold thy son!" He cried, "I thirst for water,"
but they gave Him none to drink.
Then the sinful work of man was done.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**To the howling mob He yielded; He did not for mercy cry.
The Cross of shame He took alone.
And when He cried “It’s finished,” He gave Himself to die.
Salvation’s wondrous plan was done.**

(Repeat Chorus)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O LORD our God,
how can we lift our faces to you,
for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads,
and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.
From the days of our ancestors to the present,
we have been deep in guilt,
and we are ashamed of all our iniquities.
For we have forsaken your commandments
and filled the land from end to end with uncleanness.
And now, our God, what shall we say?
Here we are before you in our guilt,
and no one can face you who may claim to be righteousness,
no one but Jesus Christ, the Righteous One himself.
After all that has come upon us for our sins and our great guilt,
you, our God, have not punished us as our iniquities deserve;
you have not forsaken us,
but have extended your steadfast love to us,
to give us new life in Christ.
Forgive us, therefore, O merciful God,
for the sake of your gracious Son, Jesus Christ,
that his great suffering and his redeeming work
might bring us fully into eternal fellowship with you,
and that we might commit and commend our spirits,
as he has done, into your loving and gracious hand. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SILENCE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord God, as your Son Jesus Christ spoke from the cross,
speak to us this day by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your Word and be reminded of Christ's great sacrifice. AMEN**

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

FIRST WORD – Luke 23:26-34

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

RESPONSE – “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 heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

SECOND WORD – Luke 23:35-43

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

RESPONSE – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

**In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round in head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy;
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

THIRD WORD – John 19:25b-27

Woman, here is your son.

RESPONSE – “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed:

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!**

**Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!**

FOURTH WORD – Matthew 27:45-46

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

RESPONSE – “Ah, Holy Jesus”

**Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,
O, most afflicted!**

FIFTH WORD – John 19:28-29

I am thirsty.

RESPONSE – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

**O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns, Thy only crown.
O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

SIXTH WORD – John 19:30

It is finished.

RESPONSE – “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.**

**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?**

SEVENTH WORD – Luke 23:44-46

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

RESPONSE – SILENCE

HYMN – “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 pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?**

**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?**

The Service ends in silence without a Benediction as we anticipate the Day of Resurrection.



Tonight's Worship Service Participants are:
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Bill Beck, Worship Assistant
Arthur Thompson, organ
Deb Ryerson & Fred Seltzer, ushers
Ron & Deb Richcreek, vocal
Joe Shane, camera