

Good Friday

April 10, 2020

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
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Greeting

From a virgin mother in a humble manger, the light of Christ enters the world, and today, leads us to the sacred place of the cross.

*You are invited to light a candle in your sacred space
as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Song

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Red ELW 335 vv. 1,3

**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

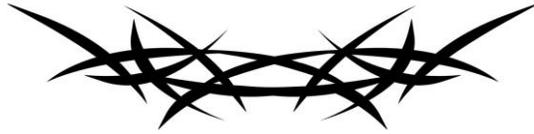
Refrain

***In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.***

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain***

Prayer

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Passion According to Luke

Song

O, Sacred Head Now Wounded

Red ELW 351 vs. 1

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

The First Reading

Luke 23:1-5, 14-25

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus^[a] before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

“We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.”

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” But they were insistent and said,

“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

¹⁴ [Pilate] said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”^[a]

Then they all shouted out together,

“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

“Crucify, crucify him!”

A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Prayer

Almighty God, **we recognize our place among the crowd calling for Jesus' death. On this day especially we recognize ourselves as sinners. Whether we sin out of ignorance or intention, be merciful to us and grant us your acceptance and peace: in the name of Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. Amen.**

Song

O, Sacred Head Now Wounded

Larry Lagerberg , Trumpet

The Second Reading

Luke 23:32-46

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]]^[b] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah^[c] of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

There was also an inscription over him,^[d] "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[e] him and saying,

"Are you not the Messiah?^[f] Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into^[g] your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land^[h] until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed;^[i] and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Prayer

○ Lord Jesus Christ, **who promised to the repentant the joy of paradise, enable us by the Holy Spirit to repent and to receive your grace in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

Song

O, Sacred Head Now Wounded

Red ELW 351 vs. 3

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

The Third Reading

Luke 23:47-56

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,
“Certainly this man was innocent.”

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

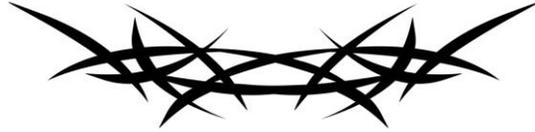
Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹ had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Prayer

○ Lord Jesus Christ, **who finished the work that you were sent to do, enable us by your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining your witness. O Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.**



Prayers

Lord, we come before you in awe. Words escape us when we attempt to articulate our feelings, thoughts and experiences of your transformational love for us. You, our God, the creator of the universe, the one who spoke life into existence, you chose to become one of us: vulnerable of all that breaks us apart. You came among us in and as, love.

You came to reconcile all that you have made, all that has experienced the power of sin and brokenness. And you reconcile us, as one of us, from a cross. Yes, we come before you in awe and all we can do, is pray.

We pray for your Church throughout the world... for Elizabeth and James, our bishops, for all pastors, all servants of the Church and all people of God...

In awe, we pray to you. **Hear our prayers.**

We pray for the Jewish people, who first heard your word... for those who call to you in different names... for those who do not believe in you, whom you have created and love...

In awe, we pray to you. **Hear our prayers.**

We pray for your creation... for our actions that pollute water, land and air... for efforts that seek to protect and pass on a life giving earth...

In awe, we pray to you. **Hear our prayers.**

We pray for those in public office, that they may seek and care for the poor, outcast, refugee, future generations and the oppressed...

In awe, we pray to you. **Hear our prayers.**

We pray for those in need... the sick... the troubled and afraid... the dying... those who flee for their lives... the hungry... those that wander... those that wonder...

In awe, we pray to you. **Hear our prayers.**

We pray the prayers of those gathered here...

In awe, we pray to you. **Hear our prayers.**

Lord's Prayer *(Whispered)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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