

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Death of Christ

Father, we bless you that by one offering Jesus has consecrated forever those that are being sanctified. For he has finished transgression, made an end of sin, made reconciliation for iniquity, and has brought in everlasting righteousness. He has redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through fallen human nature, you have done by sending your own Son in the likeness of that same fallen human nature. Heb. 10:14; Dan. 9:24; Gal. 3:13; Rom. 8:13

We give thanks that he was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. For the chastisement that alone could bring peace between us and you as our God fell on him, and by his stripes we are healed. For you have laid on him the iniquity of us all. How amazing it is that for our sakes you were pleased to bruise him and to put him to grief. We praise you that at the appointed time he arrived as a high priest to put away sin once and for all by the offering of himself. For by the eternal Spirit he presented himself without blemish to you, and by his own blood entered once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Isa. 53:5, 6, 10; Heb. 9:11, 26, 14, 12.

(from A Method of Prayer by Matthew Henry)



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GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 18, 2025

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Good Friday — April 18, 2025 A.D.

Welcome to our annual Good Friday Service. The order of our service consists of Scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments, the singing of hymns—some of which may be new to you—and a sermon from God’s Word. The service is intentionally somber and contemplative as we remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the service we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. True believers who do repent of their sins, who desire to live as obedient followers of Christ, and who are affiliated with a Christian church are invited to partake. Those who do not have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ are asked to refrain from partaking and are urged to repent of sin and receive Christ and his finished work for salvation. Children who have not been received into communicant membership by the Session after a public profession of faith should also refrain.

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Hymn** Man of Sorrows
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #352)

***Opening Prayer**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:13–53:12
(Pew Bible Page 613)

***Hymn** Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #337)

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:47–56
(Pew Bible Page 833)

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #336)

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:57–68
(Pew Bible Page 833)

***Hymn** Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #341)

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:69–27:14
(Pew Bible Page 833)

***Hymn** What Wonderous Love Is This
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #343)

Sermon Text Matthew 27:15–23
(Pew Bible Page 834)

Sermon Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

“Barabbas”

Psalm Psalm 130
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #130A)

†The Lord’s Supper

The Bread
The Cup

***Hymn** How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #351)

***Benediction**

† The bread we serve for the Lord’s Supper is gluten-free.
The inner rings of cups are wine; the outer ring is juice.
* Congregation Standing