



Agnus Dei
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REDEEMER REDMOND

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Good Friday

Join live Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM

Explanation of Service

Why is it called 'good' friday? There are a number of ways to answer this question. One is that the name may be purely accidental. Some scholars think that originally the name may not have been Good Friday but rather from "God's Friday" (Gottes Freitag); others maintain that it is from the German Gute Freitag, and not specially English. Another likely answer is that way back when, "good" had another meaning we rarely use anymore. It meant revered Friday, honored Friday, highly esteemed and venerable Friday. In other words, it was a title lifting up this Friday as especially important and deserving of respect because of what Jesus did for us.

Prelude: O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

written by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How he watches o're his loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean full of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee!

Welcome

The Bible tells how God created the world good.
How mankind rebelled against their Creator.
And how death entered the world through sin.
The Bible also tells the story of how God
loved the world and sent his Son to be the Rescuer
of sinners and the Destroyer of death.
This story culminates in the four Gospels'
account of the death of the Son - the Savior,
the Rescuer, the Destroyer of Death - on the Cross.

Prayer of Illumination

Jesus, we come to look upon you
beaten, tortured and killed for us.

Lord, what have you done?

We do not understand.

We believe, we wonder,
we are blessed, we are loved,
but we barely glimpse this great mystery.

Teach us tonight:

How destructive and horrible sin is.

How we are violent, participating in the
curse that is on the world.

How it is us who are responsible
for death, pain, sickness, sorrow,
alienation and chaos.

How we bring the curse that had to be paid for.

How nothing but your blood,
could make things right.

Help us to understand your pain.

Help us to count your costs.

So that we might grasp the height and width
and depth and length and
massive power of your love.

So that we would rejoice in the love you have for us:
which cannot be removed or revoked,
which cannot be used up,
and which cannot be worn out by us.

Opening Hymn: Man of Sorrows

Music and words by Philip Bliss

Man of Sorrows, what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners, to reclaim
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing Shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned he stood
Sealed my pardon with his blood
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God is He
Full atonement. Can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior

Lifted up was he to die
“It is finished” was his cry
Now in heav’n, exalted high
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King
All his ransomed home to bring
Then anew his song we’ll sing
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Prophesied

Over seven hundred years before Jesus was crucified, the prophet Isaiah spoke of a Suffering Servant who would be pierced for the transgressions of his people.

Isaiah 53:1-6

53 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us
peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us (verse 1)

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How Deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give his only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Isaiah 53:7-10

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us *(cont.)*

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Isaiah 53:11-12

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see
and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us *(cont.)*

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Betrayed

The Gospel of Matthew tells how on the night Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with his disciples, he was betrayed.

Matthew 26:17-35

¹⁷ Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹ And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³ He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³ Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never

fall away.”³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

Song: He Was Wounded (verse 1)

words Thomas O. Chisholm, 1920; music Joseph N. Partain, 1977

He was wounded for our transgressions,
He bore our sins in his body on the tree;
For our guilt he gave us peace,
From our bondage gave release,
And with his stripes, and with his stripes,
And with his stripes our souls are healed.

Matthew 17:36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Song: He Was Wounded *(cont.)*

He was numbered among transgressors,
We did esteem him forsaken by his God;
As our sacrifice he died,
That the law be satisfied,
And all our sin, and all our sin,
And all our sin was laid on him.

Matthew 17:47-56

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Song: He Was Wounded *(cont.)*

We had wandered, we all had wandered
Far from the fold of "The Shepherd of the Sheep";
But he sought us where we were,
On the mountains bleak and bare,
And bro't us home, and bro't us home,
And bro't us safely home to God.

Who can number his generation?
Who shall declare all the triumphs of his Cross?
Millions, dead, now live again,
Myriads follow in his train!
Victorious Lord, victorious Lord,
Victorious Lord and coming King!

Abandoned

The Gospel of John tells how Jesus was abandoned by his own disciples and even denied by his friend Peter.

John 18:12-27

¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

¹³ First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you

answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?"

²⁴ Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Song: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

*words Bernard of Clairvaux, 1153; tr. James W. Alexander, 1830;
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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

Men mock and taunt and jeer thee,
Thou noble Countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear thee
and flee before thy glance.
How art thou pale with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How doth thy visage languish
that once was bright as morn!

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered,
was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;

Look on me with thy favor,
vouch safe to me thy grace.

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

Condemned

The Gospel of John tells how Jesus was condemned by both the Jewish religious leaders and by the Roman government, how he was mocked, and died the agonizing and shameful death of crucifixion.

John 18:28-19:16

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the

world.”³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him.² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.³ They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands.⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.”⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a

king opposes Caesar.” ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Song: There Is a Redeemer (verse 1)

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There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done

Mocked

John 19:16b-22

^{16b} So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

Song: There Is a Redeemer (cont.)

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done

Crucified

John 19:23-27

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Song: There Is a Redeemer (cont.)

When I stand in glory, I will see his face
And there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your son
And leaving your spirit til the work on earth is done

Killed

The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus' death on the cross fulfilled God's promise of a Rescuer, one who would destroy death.

John 19:28-37

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour

wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Special Music: Stricken, Smitten

words Thomas Kelly, 1804;

music Wo ist Jesus, mein Verlangen, 1850; Public Domain

Stricken, smitten and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long expected prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son, God now has spoken,
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning,
foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound him,
none would interpose to save;

But the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See whom bears the awful load!
He's the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
his the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on him their hope have built.

Homily

The World Was Not Worthy

Rev. Jason Dorsey

Hebrews 11:32-39

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of

whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

Buried

The Gospel of John tells that Jesus was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. And though it seemed like all was lost to Jesus' disciples, early on Sunday morning they made a discovery that changed the course of the world and can change your life too: they found an empty tomb and saw the Risen Jesus Christ. But we'll wait till Sunday to tell that story.

John 19:31-42

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place

where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.
⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Closing Prayer

Based on Ephesians 3:14-20

Now I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and
on earth is named, that according to the
riches of his glory he may grant you
to be strengthened with power through
his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ
may dwell in your hearts through faith—

**that we, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend
with all the saints what is the breadth and length
and height and depth of the love of Christ,
and to know this love that surpasses knowledge,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Now to him who is able to do far more
Abundantly than all that we ask or think
According to the power at work within us,
To him be the glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

words and music by Robert Lowry, 1876

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

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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

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

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Exit in Silence

It is our custom to enter this service in silence in respect of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and in anticipation of the joy of his resurrection that we celebrate on Easter Sunday.



Please join us for worship at 10:30 on Easter Sunday on Redeemer Redmond's Facebook Page.