

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:26-43

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ 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, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? 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 justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

SERMON

Antonio Ayala, *director of children and youth ministry*  
*You Will Be with Me*  
 Luke 23:39-43, pg. 884

CHORAL ANTHEM

Proclamation Quartet

*Cross of Jesus*  
 John Stainer

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed, perfect man on thee was tortured, perfect God on thee has bled. Here the King of all the ages, on thee was tortured, perfect God on thee has bled. Here the King of all the ages, throned in light ere worlds could be, robed in mortal flesh is dying, crucified by sin for me. Who shall fathom that descending, from the rainbow-encircled throne, down to earth's most base profaning, dying desolate alone. From the "Holy, holy, holy, we adore thee, O Most High," down to earth's blaspheming voices and the shout of "Crucify." Cross of Jesus, Cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed, perfect man on thee was tortured, perfect God on thee has bled.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

HYMN\*

Behold, the Cross of Christ



1. Be-hold, the Cross of Christ lifts up the Son of God for  
 2. Be-hold up - on the Cross, des - pised, for - sak - en, he, though  
 3. Be-hold the spot - less Lamb from whom do prayers as - cend; his  
 4. Be-hold, the Cross of Christ gives up the life - less One 'neath



all the world to see the suff-'ring of my Lord. His blood flows  
 in - no - cent, is dy - ing there to res - cue me. The tears run  
 fin - al breath for - giv - ing oth - ers he does spend. His head sinks  
 dread-ful dark - ness from a sky be - reft of sun. They take him



down and soaks the ground with true love most - pro - found, his blood flows  
 down his sorr - 'wing while mourn - ers gath - er round, the tears run  
 down with grim thornscrowned while sol - diers' taunts re - sound, his head sinks  
 down and lay him, bound, in ston - y, lone - some ground, they take him



down and soaks the ground with true love most - pro - found.  
 down his sorr - 'wing frown while mourn - ers gath - er round.  
 down with grim thorns crowned while sol - diers' taunts re - sound.  
 down and lay him, bound, in ston - y, lone - some ground.

Words: Gideon Whitehead and Ryan Kelly  
 Music: Gideon Whitehead

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:47-56

HYMN N° 260\*

Were You There?  
 Stanza 1-4

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18

CLOSING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

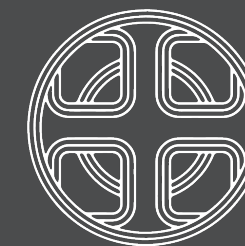
*Congregation prays in unison.*

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Congregation exits in silence*

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# GOOD FRIDAY

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

12:00 p.m.

Antonio Ayala, *preaching*  
Rev. Jeremy Johnson, *assisting*  
Rev. Dr. John Currie, *reading*

*Congregation enters in silence.*

CHORAL PRELUDE

Proclamation Quartet

*O Saviour of the World*  
John Goss

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:  
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:47-53

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

HYMN\*

My Song Is Love Unknown



1. My song is love un-known, my Sa-vior's love to me, love  
2. He came from his blest throne, sal-va-tion to be-stow, but  
3. Some-times they strew his way, and his sweet prais-es sing, re-



to the love-less shown, that they might love-ly be. O who am  
men made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know. But oh, my  
sound-ing all the way ho-san-nas to their King. Then "Cru-ci-



I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die.  
Friend, my Friend in-deed, who at my need his life did spend!  
fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Words: Samuel Crossman  
Music: John Ireland

\* Please stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:54-65

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him. And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

HYMN N° 248\*

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:66-71

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Congregation prays in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

*Silent confession*

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

All: Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:1-25

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him."

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, 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 guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

CORPORATE PRAYER

*Congregation prays in unison.*

Merciful God, Creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.