

APRIL 6, 2023, 6:00 PM
HOLY THURSDAY

ORGAN PRELUDE

Roz Baker

PROCESSION

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Welcome to Visitors

LITURGIST

Musical Reflection

Singing Bowls

Jennifer Loftus

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LITURGIST

Leader: Remember the saving love of God, for Christ claims us as his own.

People: Gratitude calls us here.

Leader: Come to the table of grace. Eat of the bread of life, and drink from the cup of salvation.

People: Wonder invites us to go deeper.

Leader: Ponder the depth of Christ's love, as he washes the feet of his disciples.

All: Love leads us home.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Spirit Song

UMH 347

1. Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Refrain:

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

2. Oh come and sing the song of gladness

As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Refrain

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PASTOR

UNISON PRAYER

LITURGIST

Your love calls us here, Loving God, calling us to the table to eat in the presence of Jesus. You call us to carry the love your Spirit has placed in our hearts to others. Gather us in Jesus's name so we may direct our lives to follow the path you set out for us. Help us to be your faithful disciples in Jesus's name. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"

O kou aloha no. Aia i ka lani. A'o Kou 'oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i.
*Amene (Your loving mercy is in heaven and your truth so perfect.
Amen.)*

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Liturgist

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. ⁴If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. ⁵Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. ⁷They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. ⁸That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Don't eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. ¹⁰Don't let any of it remain until morning, and burn

any of it left over in the morning. ¹¹ This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹² I'll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I'll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I'll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I'll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ "This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the Lord. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.

Scripture Lesson
Liturgist

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

#880

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(** universal)
#70

GLORIA PATRI

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹ Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an

example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

John 13:31b-35

Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

ANTHEM **Change My Heart, O God**

Pastor John Crewe

Jennifer Loftus, piano accompaniment

MEDITATION **Do This in Remembrance** **PASTOR**

HYMN OF PREPARATION **More Love to Thee, O Christ** **UMH 453**

1. More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea:

More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek,
give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

3. Let sorrow do its work,
come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers,
sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

CHOIR OFFERING

Tongan Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY**

#95

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#12

Christ, our Lord, invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause/Silence)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Most merciful God, we, your Church, confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Response Song O Lord, Your Tenderness (2x)

Pastor & Congregation

Jennifer Loftus, piano accompaniment

**O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness;
O Lord, I receive your love.**

**O Lord, your loveliness, changes my unworthiness;
O Lord, I receive your love.**

**O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God,
creator of heaven and earth.

Before you formed the earth, the stars, and the wonders of our mysterious universe, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life. You formed us in your image. When our love failed, and we turned away from you to follow our own desires, your love for us remained. You are always ready to welcome us into your family, just as you delivered our spiritual ancestors from slavery and made a covenant with them to be our sovereign God. Even when your people turned away, again and again, you continued to reach out to them through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation, whom your Spirit emboldened with authority to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. In his divinity, he emptied himself as a humble servant, even to the point of death on a cross, that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, again he gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves
in praise and Thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's
offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and
juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for
the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in
ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his
heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all
honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jesus said, the body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

***CIRCLE OF OHANA "HAWAII ALOHA" (Rev. Lorenzo Lyons)**

E Hawai`i e ku`u one hanau e, Ku`u ho-me kulaiwi nei. Oli no au i na
pono lani ou, E Hawai`i, aloha e. E hau'oli na `opio o Hawai`i nei. `Oli
e! `Oli e! Mai na aheahe makani e pa mai nei. Mau ke aloha, no
Hawai`i.

*(O Hawai'i, O sands of my birth, My native home. I rejoice in the
blessings of heaven, O Hawai'i, aloha. Happy youth of Hawai'i,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Gentle breezes blow. Love always for Hawai'i.)*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Roz Baker

April 7, 2023, 6:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

CENTERING WORDS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

People: That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN**

The Old Rugged Cross

#504

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;

then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

UNISON PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we walk this path of sorrow today and remember the pain and rejection your Son experienced, comfort us in our despair. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey, for we know there will be times when we stumble and fall. We ask, Lord, for the faith and hope to serve your son faithfully. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"

O kou aloha no. Aia i ka lani. A'o Kou 'oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i.
Amene (Your loving mercy is wide as the heavens; Let us too with lover and truth, regard ourselves and others. Amen.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Vao Tagaloa

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

¹³ See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— ¹⁵ so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and

by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, 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 with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; ⁸ “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” ⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me

safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹² Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. ²²

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Music How Great Thou Art (Sung in Samoan) LUMC Choir

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our

confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

***HYMN “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” #298**

1. 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.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. 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?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY John 18:1–19:42
Pastor John Crewe and Vao Tagaloa

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which

he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, **“Whom are you looking for?”** ⁵ They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.”^[a] Jesus replied, **“I am he.”** Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, **“I am he,”** they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Again he asked them, **“Whom are you looking for?”** And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, **“I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”** ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, **“I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.”** ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. ¹¹ Jesus said to Peter, **“Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”**

Jesus before the High Priest

¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered, **“I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.”** ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³ Jesus answered, **“If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”** ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶ One of the slaves 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 Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Jesus before Pilate

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters.^[g] It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰ They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” ³¹ Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” ³² (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, **“Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”** ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus

answered, **“My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”**³⁷ Pilate asked him, **“So you are a king?”** Jesus answered, **“You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”**³⁸ Pilate asked him, **“What is truth?”**

Jesus Sentenced to Death

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, **“I find no case against him.”**³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, **“Not this man, but Barabbas!”** Now Barabbas was a bandit.

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.³ They kept coming up to him, saying, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** and striking him on the face.⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, **“Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”**⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, **“Here is the man!”**⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, **“Crucify him! Crucify him!”** Pilate said to them, **“Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”**⁷ The Jews answered him, **“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”**

⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.⁹ He entered his headquartersⁱⁱ again and asked Jesus, **“Where are you from?”** But Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to him, **“Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?”**¹¹ Jesus answered him, **“You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”**¹² From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, **“If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”**

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat^[k] on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, "**Woman, here is your son.**" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "**Here is your mother.**" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), **“I am thirsty.”** ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, **“It is finished.”** Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus’ Side Is Pierced

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³² Then 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 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵ (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows^[D] that he tells the truth.) ³⁶ These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, **“None of his bones shall be broken.”** ³⁷ And again another passage of scripture says, **“They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”**

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

Pastor John Crewe

CALL TO CONFESSION (HEBREWS 10)

PASTOR JOHN CREWE

Draw near to God with hearts opened wide. God hears our prayers and knows our need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When words don't come, Lord, listen to the needs of our hearts. When sin separates and breaks us apart, reconcile us and make us whole. When despair overwhelms us, lift us from the ashes. When sorrow holds us back, place us on your pathways of life. Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on us.

SILENT MEDITATION (2 minutes)

During Silent Meditation if you would like to come to the cross for prayer, while we can pray with you and together recite the prayer of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our hearts are washed clean by God's sacrificial love and grace. In His mercy and grace, we are renewed and made whole. Praise be to our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Were You There"

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Vanessa Malamala, Worship Leader

**1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?(were you there)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)**

**2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)**

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? ((were you there)

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

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