



# Good Friday

*The Passion of Jesus Christ  
with  
Stations of the Cross*

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*Symbols used:*    **L** Lector • **✙** Jesus Christ • **C** Congregation •  
                          **P** Pontius Pilate • **D** Deacon

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **SONG**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Tune: *Rock of Ages*

*Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.*

## **Part I: Arrest and Religious Trial – Matthew 26:57–27:10**

**L** *We begin in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is spending the night in prayer, seeking to be spared the trials before him. After he has prayed for the third time, he is speaking to Peter, James and John.*

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

**✙** “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

**L** Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

**L** Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

At last two came forward and said,

**☑ “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ”**

☒ The high priest stood up and said,

☒ “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

☒ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

☒ “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

☒ Jesus said to him,

☒ “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

☒ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

☒ “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

☒ They answered,

**☑ “He deserves death.”**

☒ Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

**☑ “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

☒ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

☒ “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

☒ But he denied it before all of them, saying,

**☑ “I do not know what you are talking about.”**

☒ When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

☒ “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Ⓘ Again he denied it with an oath,

☛ **“I do not know the man.”**

Ⓘ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Ⓘ “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

Ⓘ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

☛ **“I do not know the man!”**

Ⓘ At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

☞ “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Ⓘ And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

Ⓘ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

☛ **“I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”**

Ⓘ But the chief priests and the elders said,

Ⓘ “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

Ⓘ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Ⓘ “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

- Ⓛ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason, that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
- Ⓛ “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.”

## **Part II: Civil Trial – Matthew 27:2**

- Ⓛ *After his trial by the religious leaders, they took Jesus for a civil trial, as the Romans controlled the law enforcement of the occupied territory. This meant they had to come up with a violation of Roman law (as opposed to Jewish law) with which to charge Jesus. Treason — setting oneself up as a rival to Caesar — was the perfect approach to accomplish this.*

## **THE FIRST STATION... JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH**

- Ⓛ Jesus stands in the most human of places. He has already experienced profound solidarity with so many on this earth, by being beaten and tortured. Now he is wrongfully condemned to punishment by death. His commitment to entering our lives completely begins its final steps. He has said “Yes” to God and placed his life in God's hands. Follow him in this final surrender, and contemplate with reverence each place along the way, as he is broken and given for us. This is for us. That we might be free. That we might have eternal life. As the journey begins we ask to be with Jesus. To follow his journey.
- Ⓛ Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,
- ⓐ “Are you the King of the Jews?”
- Ⓛ Jesus said,
- Ⓜ “You say so.”

- Ⓐ But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,
- Ⓟ “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”
- Ⓐ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,
- Ⓟ “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”
- Ⓐ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,
- Ⓐ “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”
- Ⓐ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,
- Ⓟ “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”
- Ⓐ And they said,
- Ⓞ **“Barabbas.”**
- Ⓐ Pilate said to them,
- Ⓟ “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”
- Ⓐ All of them said,
- Ⓞ **“Let him be crucified!”**
- Ⓐ Then he asked,
- Ⓟ “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,
- Ⓞ **“Let him be crucified!”**

Ⓐ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Ⓟ “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Ⓐ Then the people as a whole answered,

Ⓢ **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Ⓐ So he released Barabbas for them.

After flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Ⓢ **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

Ⓐ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

SONG

*O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

168, vs. 1, 4

**O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!**

**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 for thee.**

**THE SECOND STATION... JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS**

**THE THIRD STATION... JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME**

**THE FOURTH STATION... JESUS MEETS HIS HOLY MOTHER**

**THE FIFTH STATION... SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS**

**SONG**                                      *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*                                      168, vs. 2, 3

**Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.  
How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth thy visage languish that once was right as morn!**

**In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to bear thy cross this day,  
to walk here alongside you on the road to Calvary.**

**THE SIXTH STATION... JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME**

**THE SEVENTH STATION... JESUS COMFORTS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

**THE EIGHTH STATION... JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME**

**THE NINTH STATION... JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHING**

**THE TENTH STATION... JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS SONG**



**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

**THE ELEVENTH STATION... JESUS' PROMISE TO THE BELIEVING THIEF**

**THE TWELFTH STATION... JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

SONG

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

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*When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

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

*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?*

*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.*

**THE THIRTEENTH STATION... JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

**THE FOURTEENTH STATION... JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

#### INVITATION TO PRAYER

- ⓓ As we contemplate the anguish of Jesus as he hung on the Cross, let us sit quietly, praying for ourselves, the world God has given us to care for, and the people God loves enough to die for. [*Silence is kept.*]
- ⓓ We pray for the nations of the world, the leaders of the nations, and all those with any authority. Pour your Spirit of boundless grace, courageous truth, divine peace, and selfless service into every heart. Let all people, ally and enemy, Muslim and Christian, Eastern and Western, be brought together in front of your throne of grace for justice, healing and restoration. As difficult as it is for us to pray for those with whom we disagree, Lord God, help us to pray with all our heart that your purpose be done in our lives today.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

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- ☐ Lord, let your Spirit guide all communities of faith, that they may be havens of worship, learning, praise, service and peace. Protect and shield the men and women of our armed forces, medical workers, and first responders, preserving them from danger and giving them a sense of your abiding presence and our unswerving support for their willingness to place their lives on the line. And Lord, we do not love as well as you do, but we love those near and dear to us. Heal those for whom we care, especially those we name now [*Leave time ...*] Comfort those who are dying. As difficult as it is for us to accept sorrow and hardship, Lord God, help us to pray with all our heart that your purpose be done in our lives today.

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

- ☐ Holy Jesus, the season of Lent is one of prayer and fasting, preparation and contemplation, honesty and repentance. Guide and bless all those who spent this Lent seeking to live more deeply into our baptismal vows, that as they emerge from this season they are able to open their hearts, minds, souls and spirits ever more widely to receive the boundless gifts you offer to those who renounce evil and choose to follow you as Lord and Savior. As difficult as it is for us to turn away from all the attractive but dangerous things that tempt us, Lord God, help us to pray with all our heart that your purpose be done in our lives today.

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*We will share a period of individual prayer contemplating the Cross of Jesus Christ. After the song, the service concludes with a final reading.*

SONG

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;  
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love, and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

☒ Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

☒ Amen.

#### Concluding Scripture: Death — Isaiah 52–53 portions

[My servant] appeared disfigured, inhuman, his appearance unlike that of mortals. He was despised and avoided by others. It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented. Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers, he didn't open his mouth. He was struck dead because of my people's rebellion. His grave was among the wicked, his tomb with evildoers, though he had done no violence, and had spoken nothing false. He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds we are healed.