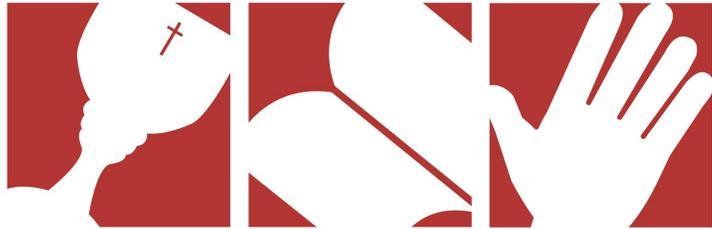


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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Good Friday

April 10, 2020

Song: "Nothing But the Blood (Plainfield)"

Verse 1

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

Chorus

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

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Invocation

Confession

We come to you, Jesus, burdened with our own sin.
Our own calls for revenge and violence, which may or may not have
included the words, "Crucify, crucify!"

Our own betrayals, with or without the thirty pieces of silver.
Our own denials, whether or not we have heard the rooster
crowing.

You know the sins we carry, secretly or openly, the way they crush
us, the weight of them. We bring these to your cross...

(Silence for reflection and confession)

You carry our burdens, Lord.

These, the simplest and gravest of sins, are magnified into
organizations and systems, amplified in the actions of the powers of
this world. Selfishness, revenge and violence unfold on the largest
scale, bringing forth misery and destruction in our world every day.

You carry all of our burdens.

God's Servant

A Reading from Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and
highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his
appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and
his form marred beyond human likeness— ¹⁵ so he will
sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of
him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have
not heard, they will understand. ^{53:1} Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up
before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his
appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and
rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like
one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we
held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our

suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Prayer

Song: "The Wonderful Cross"

Verse 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.

Verse 2

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?

Chorus

**O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross.
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

Verse 3

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 Following is offered for the sake of our meditation on the work of Jesus this Good Friday. No additional sermon will be preached, the work of Jesus will speak for itself.

The Way of the Cross

First Gospel Reading:

John 18:1-11

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken St. 1

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(Extinguish Candle)

Second Gospel Reading:

John 18:12-27

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken St. 4

(Extinguish Candle)

Third Gospel Reading:

John 18:28-40

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken St. 6

(Extinguish Candle)

Fourth Gospel Reading:

John 19:1-7

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken St. 3

(Extinguish Candle)

Fifth Gospel Reading:

John 19:8-16b

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken St. 2

(Extinguish Candle)

Sixth Gospel Reading:

John 19:16b-22

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken St. 5

(Extinguish Candle)

Seventh Gospel Reading:

John 19:23-27

Song: "Jesus Paid It All"

And I hear the Savior say, 'Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all.'

Chorus

'Cause Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain.
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.
(to Chorus)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
'Jesus died my soul to save' my lips shall still repeat. (to Chorus)

(Extinguish Candle)

Concluding Gospel Reading:

John 19:28-42

Absolution

"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." As a servant of the Word, I announce to you that the grace of Jesus offered today is for you, for your healing, for your life into eternity. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives all your sin by the sacrifice of himself, you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song: "Were You There?"