

# **GOOD FRIDAY**



**April 15, 2022 - 7 p.m.**

## **ABOUT THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

*Good Friday is an old way of saying 'God's Friday,' the day of Jesus' death on the cross. During this meditative worship service we will remember and reflect on the crucifixion, using Scripture, prayer and song to guide us along the "Way of the Cross." This service will conclude in darkness, symbolizing the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Jesus' death. Please join in speaking the words in **bold** as part of your prayerful participation.*

- *If you are able, please observe silence as you prepare for the service.*
- *After the final words of the service, we will keep silence as we depart.*

*We invite you to notice the wood-cuttings above the stained glass around the church – these woodcuttings are actually depictions of the 14 traditional stations of the cross. You may want to consider them during the songs, or take time after the service to get a closer look.*

## **FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

*There will be a children's offering during this service. Please escort your children, ages 4-11, downstairs to check in.*

## **OUR OFFERING TODAY**

*As we pray through the Good Friday liturgy, we often are moved to consider the continued suffering and violence at work in our world, and the ways that God identifies with innocent victims of such powers and principalities. If you would like to make a financial contribution on this holy day, we invite you to consider a gift to RefugeeNet, a local non-profit that helps to equip San Diego's refugee families to become self-reliant, engaged, and contributing citizens. Give online at <https://www.refugee-net.org/give> , and any cash left in the offering plate will be given to RefugeeNet.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

*The Rev. Matt Nault, Renew Church*

**CALL TO WORSHIP — Isaiah 53:4 NRSV**      *The Rev. Richard Lee*

*Minister: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;*

*People: **Yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.***

**PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

*The Rev. Richard Lee*

*Minister: Savior of the world, what have you done to deserve this? And what have we done to deserve you? Strung up between criminals, cursed and spat upon, you wait for death, and look for us, for us whose sin has crucified you.*

*To the mystery of undeserved suffering you bring the deeper mystery of unmerited love. Forgive us for not knowing what we have done; open our eyes to see what you are doing now, as through wood and nails, you disempower our depravity and transform us by your grace. **Amen.***

**SILENT PRAYER** — Contemplation with Music

**“Wonderful Cross”**

*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  
See from His head, His hands, His feet / Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet? / Or thorns compose, so rich a crown*

*[Refrain]: Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live  
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross  
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name*

*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 [Refrain]*

*Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / J.D. Walt / Jesse Reeves*

**GOOD FRIDAY GATHERING PRAYER**

*The Rev. Laurel Mathewson*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

**Jesus is condemned to death** — *Mark 15: 1-5, 15 (St. Matthew's Reader)*

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

*Leader: Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see,  
not as the world sees.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

**Jesus is Scourged and crowned with thorns** — *John 19:1-3*  
(*Renew Reader*)

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face.

*Leader: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering,  
that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

**Jesus bears the cross** — *John 19:6, 15-17* (*St. Mark’s Reader*)

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.” 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.”

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

*Leader: Lord, grant us strength of purpose  
that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

**SILENT PRAYER** — Contemplation with Music

**“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”**

*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*

*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*

*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*

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Songwriters: Stuart Townend

How Deep The Father's Love For Us lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

**Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross** — *Matthew 27:32*  
*St Luke's Reader*

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

*Leader: Lord, grant us willing spirits  
that we may be your instruments on earth.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

## **Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem** — *Luke 23: 27-31*

*St. Matthew's Reader*

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely 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 this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

*Leader: Lord, grant us gentle spirits  
that we may comfort those who mourn.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

## **Jesus is nailed to the cross** — *Luke 23:33-34; 39-43 Renew Reader*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he

said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

*Leader: Lord, grant us merciful hearts  
that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

### **“Even When It Hurts”**

*Take this mountain weight / Take these ocean tears  
Hold me through the trial / Come like hope again  
Even when the fight seems lost / I'll praise You  
Even when it hurts like hell / I'll praise You  
Even when it makes no sense to sing / Louder then I'll sing Your praise*

*I will only sing Your praise  
I will only sing Your praise  
I will only sing Your praise  
I will only sing Your praise*

*And my heart burns only for You  
You are all, You are all I want  
And my soul waits only for You  
And I will sing 'til the morning has come*

Source: [Musixmatch](#)  
Songwriters: Hillsong United

### **Jesus cares for his mother** — *John 19:25-27 (St. Mark's Reader)*

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple,



“Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*Leader: Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

### **Jesus dies on the cross** — *Luke 23:44-46* (St. Luke’s Reader)

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Leader: Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth is ended, we may see you face to face and enjoy your presence forever.*

**All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

### **The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross** — *Matthew 27:57-60* (St. Matthew’s Reader)

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new

tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

*Leader:            Lord, grant us your compassion  
                          that we may always provide for those in need.*

**All:                Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

## **“Now and at the Hour”**

*Oh merciful God  
Forgive us, forgive us  
Oh merciful God  
Forgive us, forgive us*

*For all the things we have done and left undone  
For all the things we have done and left undone*

*Oh Son of God  
Rescue us, rescue us  
Oh Son of God  
Rescue us, rescue us*

*Now and at the hour of our death  
Amen, amen  
Now and at the hour of our death  
Amen*

Source: [Genius](#)  
Songwriters: The Brilliance

*The lights are extinguished.*

## **The Seven Last Words of Christ —**

*Extinguishing of the Candles*

*The Rev. Matt Nault, Renew Church*

*“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” — Luke 23:34*

*“Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” — Luke 23:43*

*“Dear woman, behold your son...behold your mother!” — John 19:26-27*

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” — Matthew 27:46*

*“I thirst.” — John 19:28*

*“It is finished.” — John 19:30*

*“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” — Luke 23:46*

*And darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. The earth shook and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.*

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