

An abstract painting featuring a central cross shape. The cross is rendered in dark, textured brushstrokes, primarily black and dark brown. The background is a mix of light grey, white, and pale blue-grey tones, with some teal and yellow accents. The overall style is expressive and gestural, with visible brushwork and some splatters. The text is overlaid on the bottom right of the painting.

Good Friday

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Welcome to Cross of Glory on this Good Friday. This is a Tenebrae service, Latin for “shadows” or “darkness,” which is a solemn observance of Jesus’ suffering and death marked by the extinguishing of candles. It invites meditation through the retelling of the passion narrative, silence, music, prayer, and increasing darkness. This service moves us toward the darkness of the cross, but with the promise that the tree around which we gather is indeed a tree of life.

WELCOME

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Instrumental

LITANY OF THE CROSS

Please rise as you are able

Leader: O my people, what more could have I done for you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God! Holy and immortal, have mercy on us!

L: Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way. I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

P: Holy God! Holy and immortal, have mercy on us!

L: I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit. I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

P: Holy God! Holy and immortal, have mercy on us!

L: I gave you a royal scepter, but you give me a crown of thorns. I gave you a kingdom and crowned you with life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

P: Holy God! Holy and immortal, have mercy on us!

L: I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, gave you my peace and my truth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

P: Holy God! Holy and immortal, have mercy on us!

L: O my people, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty, and you gave me no drink; a stranger, and you do not welcome me, naked, and you do not clothe me, sick and in prison, and you did not visit me, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

P: Holy God! Holy and immortal, have mercy on us!

Please be seated



Martin Luther claimed that if we are to know anything about Jesus, we are to look to the cross. There, we see a God who knows the depths of suffering, pain, and forsakenness--a God who knows, therefore, the crosses we bear.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:1-9

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. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. 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. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, 'For whom are you looking?' They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus replied, 'I am he.' Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he', they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, 'For whom are you looking?' And they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus answered, 'I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.' This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.'

MUSIC

Ah, Holy Jesus

#349

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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.

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

Therefore, kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and
thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

PRAYER

L: Holy God,

All: Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SILENCE

Moment of prayerful silence and reflection.



TENEBRAE

The first candle is extinguished.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:12-27

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

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, 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. The woman said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I am not.' Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. 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. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.' 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?' Jesus answered, 'If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?' Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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.' 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?' Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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*Join us for Easter
Sunday worship
at 9:30am*



PRAYER

L: Holy God,

All: Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SILENCE

Moment of prayerful silence and reflection.

TENEBRAE

The seventh candle is extinguished.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Martin Luther claimed that if we are to know anything about Jesus, we are to look to the cross. There, we see a God who knows the depths of suffering, pain, and forsakenness--a God who knows the crosses we bear.

At this time, you're invited to reflect on the crosses--those places of pain, suffering, and forsakenness--in your life, in our community, and in the world that God so loves. On the insert included in your bulletin (or for children, the wooden cross we've been using throughout this Lent), you may write a short prayer about that cross. Then, as the Spirit leads you, you're invited to bring the cross forward and place it at the cross of Jesus at the front of the sanctuary (or raise your hand and an usher would be glad to assist you). Those joining online may write their prayer on a piece of paper and place it near a cross at home.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DEPART IN SILENCE

We invite you to be dismissed in silence. There will be no fellowship time following the service this evening. We invite you to join us on Easter morning at 9:30 am, when we celebrate the impossibility of the resurrection.

Please note: If you're worshiping onsite, an offering basket is located on the table near the baptismal font. If you're worshiping online, offering can be shared via the "Give" page at our website: www.crossofglory.us.

MUSIC

Lamb of God

Paris

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him
From Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God,

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned
Him as He died,
The humble King they
named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus

Oh, Lamb of God,
sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died,
But You have
brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
(Chorus)

PRAYER

L: Holy God,

All: Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SILENCE

Moment of prayerful silence and reflection.

TENEBRAE

The second candle is extinguished.



SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:28-38a

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. 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. So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.' 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.' (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 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?' 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.' 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.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

MUSIC **O God, Why are You Silent?** **#703**

Verse 1
O God, why are you silent?
I cannot hear your voice;
the proud and strong and violent
all claim you and rejoice;
you promised you would hold me
with tenderness and care.
Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
and ease the pain I bear.

Verse 2
My hope lies bruised and battered,
my wounded heart is torn;
my spirit spent and shattered
by life's relentless storm;
will you not bend to hear me,
my cries from deep within?
Have you no word to cheer me
when night is closing in?

Verse 3
Through endless nights of weeping,
through weary days of grief,
my heart is in your keeping,
my comfort, my relief.
Come, share my tears
and sadness, come,
suffer in my pain, oh, bring me home
to gladness, restore my hope again.

Verse 4
May pain draw forth compassion,
let wisdom rise from loss;
oh, take my heart and fashion the
image of your cross;
then may I know your healing
through healing that I share,
your grace and love revealing,
your tenderness and care.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:38-42

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. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 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. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

MUSIC **What Wondrous Love is This?** **#666**

Verse 1
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful
curse for my soul?

Verse 2
When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down,
sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his
crown for my soul.

Verse 3
To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing.

Verse 4
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:28-37

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' 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. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

Ave Verum

Mozart

*Jesus, Word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born;
On the cross Thy sacred body for us all with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water Streaming from Thy pierced side,
Feed us with Thy body broken, Now, and in death's agony.
Now, and in death's agony.*

PRAYER

L: Holy God,

All: Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SILENCE

Moment of prayerful silence and reflection.

TENEBRAE

The sixth candle is extinguished.



PRAYER

L: Holy God,

All: Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SILENCE

Moment of prayerful silence and reflection.



TENEBRAE

The third candle is extinguished.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:1-16a

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. 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.' So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!' 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.' 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.' Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. 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?' 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.' 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.'

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC **At the Cross (Love Ran Red)** **Mark Trease
& Keith Williams**

PRAYER

L: Holy God,
All: Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SILENCE

Moment of prayerful silence and reflection.

TENEBRAE

The fourth candle is extinguished.



SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:16b-27

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. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' 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. 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."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' 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. 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 fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.'

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. 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.

MUSIC

Go to Dark Gethsemane

#347

Verse 1

Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Verse 2

Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!

Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

Verse 3

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

PRAYER

L: Holy God,
All: Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SILENCE

Moment of prayerful silence and reflection.

TENEBRAE

The fifth candle is extinguished.

