

GOOD FRIDAY

10 April 2020

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HYMN

“In Silent Pain”

- 1. In silent pain the eternal Son hangs derelict and still;
In darkened day His work is done, fulfilled His Father’s will.
Uplifted for the world to see He hangs in strangest victory,
For in His body on the tree He carries all our ill.**
- 2. He died that we might die to sin and live for righteousness;
The earth is stained to make us clean and bring us into peace.
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Himself to save the lost;
He loved us to the uttermost and paid for our release.**

P: He was despised and rejected by men;

C: **a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;**

P: and as one from whom men hid their faces,

C: **He was despised and we esteemed Him not.**

P: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

C: **yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

P: But He was wounded for our transgressions,

C: **He was bruised for our iniquities;**

P: Upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole,

C: **and with His stripes we are healed.**

P: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way;

C: **and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

P: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,

C: **yet He opened not His mouth.**

P: By oppression and judgment He was taken away;

C: **and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my People.**

P: And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death,

C: **although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS

FIRST WORD – John 19:14-16a; Luke 23:32-34

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for forgiveness for those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit, that we may repay evil with good. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in peace with all people. **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine!**

SECOND WORD – Luke 23:35-43

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy You heard the plea of the dying criminal on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts in mercy to welcome those who turn to You, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in the faith, and bring us also to live with You in Paradise. **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

**What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favour, and grant to me Thy grace.**

THIRD WORD – John 19:25-27

P: Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have got into trouble or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, & Afflicted”

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it; 'tis the true and faithful Word.**

FOURTH WORD – Matthew 27:45-47

P: Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world which Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know Your love in our lives, so we may show Your presence to others. **Amen.**

HYMN**“Stricken, Smitten, & Afflicted”**

**Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning; was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him; none would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that justice gave.**

FIFTH WORD – John 19:28-29

P: Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Bring to our minds all that You endured for us, and give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of Your holy example. **Amen.**

HYMN**“Stricken, Smitten, & Afflicted”**

**Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed; see who bears the awful load,
‘Tis the Word, the Lord’s anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**

SIXTH WORD – John 19:30a

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of the task given to You by Your Father. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory. **Amen.**

HYMN**“Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed”**

- 1. Alas! And did my Saviour bleed, and did my sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?**
- 2. Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died for His own creatures’ sin.**

SEVENTH WORD – Luke 23:44-46; Matthew 27:54

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace, that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER