



Worship@Home

Service Order

April 10th, 2020

9am

OPENING & WELCOME

P: We begin our time of worship this morning in God's name:
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We have come together this morning so that we may hear again how our Lord and Saviour sacrificed himself, and so that as we hear again this message, we may offer our lives anew to him who died for us: Jesus!

SONG: LH 54 "When I survey the wondrous cross"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYAmxP6FG_8

**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.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death 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.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: E Miller 1731-1807 (1790)
from a melody c.1780*

PRAYER:

P: Dear Father in heaven,
As we gather this morning on this Good Friday, remind us of all that you have done for us through your Son, Jesus. Remind us that it was for our sake that your Son was beaten, spat upon, and crowned with thorns; that it was for our sake that he was nailed to the cross; that it was for our sake that he was forsaken by you; and that it was for our sake that he died on the cross. **Amen**

THEME FOR TODAY: Matthew 27:31 – 66
“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

BIBLE READING: Matthew 27:31 – 66 Click [HERE](#) to read online

Or view the Matthew DVD on [YouTube](#)

<https://youtu.be/PmK9Mvsyfqst=14396>

(Note: watch 3:59:56 – 4:08:35 of the video)

SONG: AT 347 “O dearest Jesus”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFCWpA-d-4Y>

**O dearest Jesus, with your body broken,
God’s final sentence, God’s last word, is spoken.
We see, with eyes that know about your crying,
Your crucifying.**

**Why did they mock you? Why did people jeer you?
Aren’t you the king? The whole world should have cheered you.
Ah, but our hearts are cold, and we are blinded,
So evil-minded.**

**We made your crown with thorns from deep inside us,
Hammered your hands with nails no-one supplied us.
We need no help to stage a crucifixion —
It’s our affliction.**

**Yet, by your dying death has been defeated,
Life was destroyed, but life has been created.
One final cry, and, though your life was ended,
We were befriended.**

**Sleep, dearest Jesus, sleep until your waking.
When morning comes this old world will be breaking.
Death cannot hold you --- death is not that clever.
God lives forever!**

Words: Robin Mann, based on Johann Heermann (1585-1647)

Music: J Cruger (1640) based on earlier melody

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Jesus is arrested & crucified
From the Beginner's Bible (page 446)
or view on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqvRshgtO2o)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqvRshgtO2o>

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: I invite you now to join with me in confessing your faith, using the words of Luther's Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.
This is most certainly true.

SONG: "How deep the Father's love for us"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhJkxuT9_-k

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.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend
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MESSAGE: Matthew 27:31 – 66
“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”
Sermon by Pastor Wayne available on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/-Y6C_cHLojM)
https://youtu.be/-Y6C_cHLojM

*Plus Bible study on Matt. 27:31 – 66

SONG: AT345 “Nothing but the blood of Jesus”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSyz3kDkdoM>

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

*Oh! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know
nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
for my cleansing, this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

**This is all my hope and peace
nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Chorus:
(repeat)*

*Words & Music: Robert Lowry
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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us give thanks to God

C: **Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given to us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions – signs of your goodness and symbols of your love. Receive them for the sake of him who suffered and died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

CONFESSION OF SINS:

You are invited to spend this time now with God, confessing your sins to Him, as you think about all that God has done for us through His Son, Jesus. We will do this with a corporate time of responsive prayer, and then with a private, personal time of confession.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS:

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

P: O Father in heaven,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

P: O Jesus, Saviour of the world,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

P: From all evil, from all sins, from everlasting death,

C: **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

P: By your holy birth, to be true man, By your perfect spotless life,
By your bitter suffering and death,

C: **Lord Jesus, redeem us.**

P: By your agony in Gethsemane, by the mockery and beating in
Caiaphas' court, By Pilate's sentencing you unjustly to death,

C: **Lord Jesus, save us.**

P: By the painful crown of thorns, By the purple robe of mockery, By the hitting and spitting of the Roman soldiers, By the cruel cries for your crucifixion, By your bearing of the heavy cross, By your walk along the way of sorrows, By your dreadful crucifixion, By the upraising of the cross, By the agony which you suffered for us,

C: Lord Jesus, take away our sins.

P: By the insults which you endured, by your prayers and tears, By the shedding of your most holy precious blood, By your innocent suffering and death,

C: Lord Jesus, forgive us.

P: For your patience and humility, For your faithfulness in loving us to the end, For your victory over sin, death, and the devil,

C: Lord Jesus, we give thanks to you.

P: We ask you to hear us,

C: Most loving Saviour.

P: That your blood may cleanse us from all our sins,
That we may ever trust in you as our Saviour,
That we may die to sin and live for righteousness,
That we may take up our cross and follow you,
That we may daily serve you and glorify you,

C: We ask you to hear us, dear Jesus.

P: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

C: Have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

SILENT PRAYER TIME

During this time, think about your mistakes and your failures, the things that you feel guilt and shame for. Take them to God in silent prayer, and ask Him to forgive you for Jesus' sake.

PROCLAMATION OF OUR FORGIVENESS:

P: Jesus, God's Son, suffered and died for all your sins. Your sins have been placed at the foot of the cross of Jesus. You are forgiven by God, because Jesus suffered and died on the cross for you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

OTHER PRAYERS: Good Friday prayers

1.

Lord Jesus, we praise you for your incredible love for us, and for all that you have done for us on the cross. As we gaze on your cross, we acknowledge with gratitude the debt we owe:

for ours was the sin you bore, ours the ransom you paid, ours the salvation you won.

Lord Jesus, accept our grateful thanks for all you have done for us.
Amen.

2.

We praise and thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for suffering all things for us, and for dying on the cross so that we might live with you for ever.

Forgive us for taking this for granted, and for not living as people whom you have bought with your own blood.

Help us to remember your suffering and death for us, and to bear our own trials and troubles with patience.

We pray to you for all those who are suffering: the persecuted, the sick, the wounded, and the dying; the lonely, the oppressed, and all those who face temptation....

Amen.

3.

Lord Jesus, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross, so that all people might come within the reach of your saving embrace.

Clothe us in your Spirit, so that as we stretch out our hands in loving service for others, we may bring those who don't know you to an awareness of you and a love for you; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Let's pray together the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

SONG: "The old rugged cross"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2opnMAmnXE>

Verse 1

**On a hill far away
Stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain**

Chorus 1

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown**

Verse 4

**To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day
To my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share**

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