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Good Friday Service – April 3, 2026 – Pastor Jason

Matthew 27 (NIV) 27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. ... 31b Then they led him away to crucify him. ... 33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). 34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head, they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the jews. ... 45 From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ... 48 Immediately, one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ... And Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

THE LONGING:

Romans 8:18-23 (NLT) "Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day... Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even..."

MY NOTES

...though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us."

THE PROMISE:

Matthew 27:50-52a (NLT) *Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

1 Peter 3:18a (NLT) *Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God.*