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God's Work  *Our Hands*

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Good Friday



THE CONGREGATION WILL RESPOND WITH THE **BOLD** VERSES.

All gather in silence.

The congregation stands.

INVOCATION

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (ELW 351)



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

PRAYER FOR MERCY

P: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on us and on all of your people for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, given over to the hands of sinners, and suffer death on the cross. We do not deserve your mercy, but we humbly ask in his most precious name.

C: **Amen**

The congregation is seated.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

PSALM 22

SECOND READING: **Hebrews 10:16-25**

GOSPEL: **John 18:1—19:42**

On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.

HOMILY

REV. THOMAS A. CASSEM

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL MEDITATION

The congregation stands.

HYMN

Were You There (ELW 353)



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Jesus, we have come to Calvary with you. We seek to know the agony you suffered there.

C: Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

P: Teach us to endure, as you endured, the scorn of unbelievers and the torments of our enemies.

C: Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

P: Save us from despair when we are circled about.

C: Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

P: Help us keep strong faith in you forever. When we falter, rescue us. When we forget your promises, refresh our memories. When we face death, be with us faithfully.

C: Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

SIGN OF THE CROSS

P: Receive the sign of Jesus' holy cross.✠ Take it again this night as a sign that you are his and a participant of all his crucifixion means. Remember Jesus' agony and your own death in Holy Baptism. Remember how the cross of Jesus binds us to himself and to God's promises, both in this life and for eternity.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

In silence the altar, pulpit and lectern are stripped of their furnishings.

DISMISSAL

All depart in silence.

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