

# Good Friday Service

April 2, 2021, 3pm

## Greeting/Prayer

*\*\*Please Stand: The Old Rugged Cross #275*

*\*\*Please Stand: Beneath the Cross #286*

*\*\*Please Stand: The Wonderful Cross #279*

Special (Anne): Sweet Hour of Prayer

The Power of the Cross #272

## Message: *Why It Is Called Good Friday...*

Jesus spoke seven times from the cross:

1. Luke 23:34, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
2. Luke 23:43, (To the criminal on the cross) "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."
3. John 19:26-27, (To Mary) "Woman, behold your son!" [To John] "Behold your mother!"
4. Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
5. John 19:28, "I am thirsty."
6. John 19:30, "It is finished!"
7. Luke 23:46, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."

## Benediction/Prayer

## Good Friday Chronology...

Jesus Arrested, Early in the Morning (Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-12)

Jesus stands before Annas (John 18:13-14, 19-23)

Jesus stands before Caiaphas, He is condemned and Mocked (Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:4a, 63-65; John 18:24)

Jesus stands before Pilate (Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:1b-5; Luke 23:1-7; John 18:28-38)

Jesus is sent to Herod (Luke 23:6-12)

Jesus is returned to Pilate, where He is sentenced and flogged (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16a)

Jesus is mocked by soldiers (Matthew 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19)

Jesus is led to Golgotha where He is crucified about "the third hour" (9 a.m.) (Matthew 27:31-34; Mark 15:20-25; Luke 23:26-34; John 19:16b-17)

Soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothing (Mark 15:24)

Those near the cross insult and mock Jesus (Matthew 27:39-40; Mark 15:31; Luke 23:36-39)

Jesus blesses a criminal (Luke 23:40-43)

Jesus speaks to His mother Mary and to John (John 19:26-27)

Darkness covers the land from "the sixth hour" (12 noon) to "the ninth hour" (3 p.m.) (Mark 15:33)

Jesus cries out to the Father (Matthew 27:46)

Jesus declares, "It is Finished" (John 19:30a; Luke 23:46)

There is a mighty earthquake (Matthew 27:51-52)

A centurion declares, "Surely He was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:47)

Soldiers break the legs of the other (John 19:31-33)

A soldier pierces Jesus side with a spear (John 19:34)

Jesus is laid in the tomb (Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)

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It was on a Friday that Jesus began walking to the site of His own execution, carrying the horizontal portion of His own cross.

At Golgotha He was put to death in one of the most barbaric fashions known to mankind, nailed to a cross: a large nail was driven through the arch of one foot, which was then placed on top of the other foot and nailed through to the wood.

Jesus' arms were stretched across the horizontal beam, and His hands nailed securely through His wrists; at this point, the cross was picked up and dropped into a hole, sending pain throughout Christ's body as His own weight pulled at the flesh around the nails.

Jesus endured hours of pain and suffering upon that cross; finally, He sovereignly declared, "It is finished."

Jesus' body was taken down and laid in a tomb, a large stone was rolled against the opening. The seal of the Roman governor was placed across the stone sealing the tombs contents; additionally, a Roman guard unit was stationed at the entrance, at the request of the Chief Priests and Pharisees, to ensure that Jesus' body stayed in the grave; but, (as we will celebrate in two days) early Sunday morning, the Roman guard became like dead men, they fainted at the sight of God's mighty angel, and Christ came out of the grave alive.

**Mark 8:31**, "Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."

**John 10:17-18**, "I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

Everyone believing in God's Son will receive eternal life, just like He said that we would (John 10:28), "I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish."

Sin's curse and its penalty of death were defeated at the Cross, as Jesus proclaimed, "**It is Finished!**"

And that is why it is called, "Good" Friday!

