



March 30, 2018
Good Friday Service

WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us this evening. It is our hope that tonight's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and grace. This folder will guide you as we worship together.

About the cover: *Christ on the Cross* by Francisco de Zurbarán, 1627.

OUR PURPOSE

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to be a God centered, worshiping community that disciples God's people and extends God's kingdom.

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THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Why is Good Friday referred to as "good"? The verbal and physical abuse along with the crucifixion that Jesus suffered at the hands of the Jewish religious leaders and the Romans, was not good (Matthew 26-27). Yet, the Triune God intended for all these events to take place to reconcile God and man. There existed a separation between God and man as the result of sin. Isaiah 59:2, "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear."

So, the "good" is in Good Friday because that was God's ordained day and hour for Jesus to reconcile mankind to God. 2 Corinthians 5:18, "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

Below are additional verses regarding the results of Christ's death:

- Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- 1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit."

THE LORD GATHERS THE NATIONS

We believe that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – calls the world to worship Him. As a Christian community, we gather together for this Good Friday Service to worship Him. We are reminded of Jesus' sacrificial death to glorify the Father and to forgive our sins. 1 John 2:2a states this, "He (Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins."

Prelude

Sandy Luchenbill

[Please silence your mobile devices]

Welcome

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Reflection

*"Only in Jesus Christ do we see how the untamable, infinite God
can become a baby and a loving Savior.
On the cross we see how both the love and the holiness of God
can be fulfilled at once."
- Tim Keller*

Call to Worship

based on John 18 & 19

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the cross of Christ.

Response: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to remember the price Jesus Christ paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

Response: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

The Wonderful Cross

Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J.D. Reaves, Jessie Mason, Lowe

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

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

*Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross
All who gather here, by grace draw near, and bless Your name*

Were You There?

Text & Music: Traditional Spiritual

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when laid Him in the tomb?

Elder Prayer

David Reyes

Responsive Reading

from Isaiah 53:3-12

Leader: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief

Response: And as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not

Leader: Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows

Response: Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities

Response: Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way

Response: And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all

Leader: It was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief

Response: When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring

Leader: Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors

Response: Yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors

New Testament Reading

Passages from John

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Message

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music, Stuart Townend

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

Benediction

Please Join Us For Our Easter Weekend Activities

Saturday – EGGZTRAVAGANZA: 9:30-11:00

Sunday – Easter Breakfast: 9:15 (Bring food at 9:00)

Sunday – Easter Worship: 10:30

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