

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 2, 2021

A Service of Contemplation and Meditation

### GREETING AND EXPLANATION OF THE SERVICE

The Good Friday service is intended to be a Solemn Assembly. In the Old Testament Solemn Assemblies were used as a gathering for the people to cry out to God. We take this opportunity today to remember Christ's death on the cross for our sin and for our salvation. This is a time for personal reflection, contemplation, and prayer. We will reflect on the 7 last statements of Christ. Each reading will be followed by a hymn to be sung or a musical offering to allow for contemplation.

Let's prepare our hearts for worship:

**Unison Prayer:** O God of love and power, we enter this time of worship on Good Friday to reflect on Christ our Savior. We reflect on the great price He paid. We are humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts to your goodness, fill us with your love and the power of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us our sins and remind us that you have defeated death and that through your sacrifice we have everlasting life.

1. **“Father Forgive Them”** Luke 23:33–34 (ESV)

*33And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.*

### Insert # 198 On A Hill Far Away (1,2,4)

2. **“This Day You Will Be with Me in Paradise”** Luke 23:42–43 (ESV)

*42And he(that is the criminal on the cross beside him) said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

**Special Music:**           **“Tremble” Betsy Wagner**  
(Lyrcs attached)

3. **“Woman Behold Your Son”** John 19:26–27 (ESV)

*26When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

### Insert # 187 (1,3) Beneath the Cross of Jesus

4. **“My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?”** Mark 15:34 (ESV)

*34And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

**Special Music- “Were You There?”**       **Norma Goodwin**

**Pastoral Prayer: Tom Thies**

**5. “I Thirst” John 19:28–29 (ESV)**

*<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”*

*<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.*

**Insert # 186 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed**

**6. “It is Finished” John 19:30 (ESV)**

*<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

**Insert # 197 O Sacred head, Now Wounded**

**7. “Into your hands I commit my Spirit” Luke 23:46 (ESV)**

*<sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.*

**Insert # 202 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**Benediction**

**By his stripes we are healed, by his wounds, we are made whole. Go in the name of Jesus Christ and live in the salvation made possible by the Goodness of this Friday. Amen.**

**Special Music- I Exalt Thee      Pete and Nancy**