

Good Friday: April 15, 2022

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 262)

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN: *Were You There*



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
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- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness

GOSPEL: Luke 22:24 - 23:56

During the reading of the Passion of Our Lord, we will pause at various points to sing a single verse of “Ah, Holy Jesus”. There will also be pauses to extinguish a candle on the cross at which we do not sing.

Greatness and Betrayal, Arrest at the Mount of Olives (22:24-53)

Verse 1 of “Ah, Holy Jesus”



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Peter Denies Jesus, Jesus Before the Council (22:57-71)

Verse 2 of “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Jesus Before Pilate (23:1-25)

Verse 3 of “Ah, Holy Jesus”

The Way to Calvary and The Cross (23:26-43)

Verse 4 of “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Jesus Laid in the Tomb (23:44-56)

Verse 5 of “Ah, Holy Jesus”

BIDDING PRAYER

*The assembly kneels or sits. The presiding minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister will lead prayers that conclude the silence. Each prayer ends with the words “We ask this through Christ our Lord.” to which all respond “**Amen.**”*

After the final bid, all pray the Lord’s Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM: Christ, the Single Sacrifice

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

This ancient text, known also as the Improperia, first appeared in Good Friday or Holy Saturday rites of the ninth century. The text then slowly spread in use through the middle ages and then was finally added to the Roman rite in the fourteenth century. This adaptation found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, has made changes to remove former anti-semitic language and is revised for contemporary usage.

*Each reproach ends with the words “but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.” to which all respond “**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**”*

STREPITUS

The strepitus (Latin for "great noise") is a loud noise which symbolizes the earthquake that followed Christ's death as well as the closing of the tomb.

ADORATION OF THE CROSS:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The service ends in silence. We gather again for worship at 10:30 on Easter Sunday.