

Good Friday Service

April 7, 2023, 3PM

Bill ~ Piano
Bonnie ~ Organ
Alda, Steve ~ Hymns
Gary & Carly Church ~ Audio/Visual

Greeting/Prayer: Steve

(please stand)

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:10, 14, 17-18

We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. He then says, 'And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.' Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

Beneath the Cross #286

The Wonderful Cross #279

(please be seated)

Message: Pastor Mike

Why Today is Called Good Friday...

(please stand)

The Power of the Cross #272

Benediction/Prayer

Good Friday Chronology...

Jesus Arrested, early 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 AM) (**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**)

The chief priests teachers 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 and to John (**John 19:26-27**)

Darkness covers the land from "the sixth hour" (12 noon) to "the ninth hour" (3 PM) (**Mark 15:33**)

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

Jesus says, "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 thieves' legs (**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 was put to death in one of the most barbaric fashions known to mankind, nailed to a cross.

Jesus endured hours of pain and suffering upon that cross, during which time He spoke seven times:

1. "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (**Luke 23:34**).
2. "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise" (**Luke 23:43**).
3. "Dear woman, here is your son," ... and to John, "Here is your mother!" (**John 19:26**)
4. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" (pp. **Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34**).
5. "I am thirsty" (**John 19:28**).
6. "It is finished" (**John 19:30**).
7. "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit" (**Luke 23:46**).

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 tomb's 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 on Sunday morning), the Roman guards became like dead men, fainting at the sight of God's angel who rolled away the stone, then Christ came out of the grave alive.

Mark 8:31, "the Son of Man must suffer many things, be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and then He must be killed, but after three days He would rise again."

John 10:17-18, "...I lay down my life --only to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again."

Everyone believing in Him will receive eternal life, just like He said that we would (**John 10:28**), "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

It is called GOOD Friday, because on that day, the penalty for all your sins was paid in full by Jesus!

