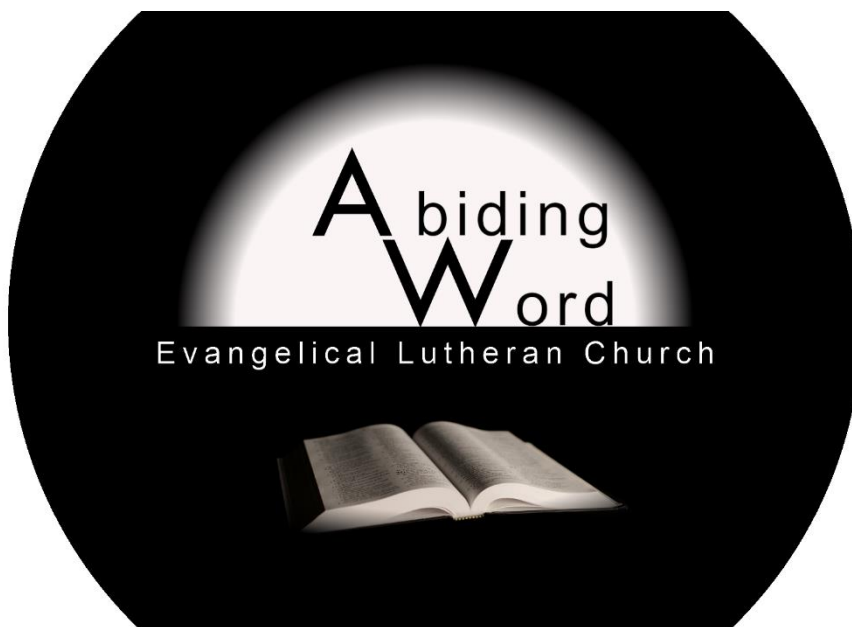


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Good Friday



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*At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship);
We grow in the Word (education);
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*

429 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded,
with thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory
now from your face does shine;
yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call you mine.
- 2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you,
they smite your countenance,
though mighty worlds shall fear you
and flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish
that once were bright as morn!
- 3 Now from your cheeks has vanished
their color, once so fair;
from your red lips is banished
the splendor that was there.
Grim death with cruel rigor
has robbed you of your life;
thus you have lost your vigor,
your strength, in this sad strife.
- 4 My burden in your passion,
Lord, you have borne for me,
for it was my transgression,
my shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you;
wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you;
Redeemer, spurn me not!

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LESSON: Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

⁴In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸“He trusts in the LORD,” they say,
“let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.”

⁹Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.

¹⁰From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.

¹⁵My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.

¹⁹But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,

²⁸for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST WORD—LUKE 23:26-34

As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then “ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ‘ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. **Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

M: Jesus, in your dying woes,
Even while your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for your foes:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like you in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

♪♪**Their nails were freshly driven,
their hatred clearly shown,
when, “Let them be forgiven,”
was heard at heaven’s throne.
Your enemies, O Jesus,
you loved beyond degree,
a love so pure and precious
it even pardoned me.**

SECOND WORD—LUKE 23:38-43

There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” **Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

M: Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near you dies,
Promising him paradise:

C: **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

M: May we in our guilt and shame
Still your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on your name:

C: **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

M: May our hearts to you incline
And their thoughts your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:

C: **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

♪♪**On you, my King, depending,**

I’m rid of all my sins!

My final day here ending,

my first in heav’n begins.

As you have truly spoken,

in paradise I’ll be,

with you in bliss unbroken—

you will remember me.

THIRD WORD—JOHN 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

M: Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart your sorrows rend,
And your dearest human friend:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: May we in your sorrows share,
For your sake all peril dare,
And enjoy your tender care:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: May we all your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since your love we see:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

♪♪ **A Savior like no other,
all self-concern denied,
you served your grieving mother
while you were crucified.
My sin had made me filthy,
but you, the perfect child,
were designated guilty,
and I am reconciled.**

FOURTH WORD—MATTHEW 27:45-49

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. **About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”** When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

M: Jesus, plunged in depths unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav’n is shown:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: Though no Father seems to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

♪♪**Condemned, cut off, forsaken,
outside the Father’s care,
by terror overtaken,
no ear would hear your prayer.
On you God’s wrath was vented,
on you his fury fell,
when, on the cross tormented,
you took my place in hell.**

FIFTH WORD—JOHN 19:28,29

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

M: Jesus, in your thirst and pain,
While your wounds your lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture’s plan:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: Thirst for us in mercy still;
All your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy your loving will:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: May we thirst your love to know;
Lead us, in our sin and woe,
Where the healing waters flow:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

♪♪ **My Lord, in death’s dark valley,
both soul and body drained,
one drink would help you rally
what little strength remained
to raise your voice in vict’ry,
to sound your foe’s defeat—
the highest point in hist’ry—
my rescue was complete.**

SIXTH WORD—JOHN 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

M: Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All your Father’s will obeyed;
By your sufferings perfect made:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: Save us in our souls’ distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

M: Brighten all our heav’nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus.

♪♪ Though sin’s most lethal wages
to me, O Christ, were due,
the guilt of all the ages
came crashing down on you.
Most surely, “It is finished”—
my debt is fully paid;
my joy is undiminished;
my heart is unafraid.

SEVENTH WORD—LUKE 23:33-46

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.” It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”** When he had said this, he breathed his last.

M: Jesus, all your labor vast, All your woe and conflict past, Yielding up your soul at last:

C: **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

M: When the death shades round us low’r, Guard us from the tempter’s pow’r, Keep us in that trial hour:

C: **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

M: May your life and death supply Grace to live and grace to die, Grace to reach our home on high:

C: **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

♪♪My death will be triumphant
no matter how I die;
Lord Jesus, in that instant
escort my soul on high
into my Father’s keeping,
all-blameless and all-blest,
like waking up from sleeping,
his hands my place of rest.

stand

BIDDING PRAYER

M: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

437 Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -
 2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in
 3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we
 4 As, through part - ing Red Sea wa - ters, Is - rael



in your bor - rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and
 hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er
 wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is
 marched to lib - er - ty, so we pass thro' bap - tism's



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.
 mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.
 pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.
 wa - ter, washed by grace, from sin set free.



Pi - late's guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing where they
 Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for
 Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es
 Je - sus, ris - en, liv - ing, reign - ing now and



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
 you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who
 bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for
 through e - ter - ni - ty: grant that, through your life un -



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
 guards you will not let your death be vain.
 morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.
 dy - ing, we may live vic - to - rious - ly.