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Isaiah 53:5

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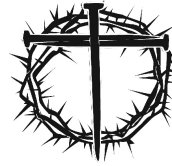
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GOOD FRIDAY Passion Readings and Hymns

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*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we
esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*

Isaiah 53:4

Introit Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5

P: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

C: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

P: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

C: nor discipline me in Your wrath!

P: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

C: and Your hand has come down on me.

P: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

C: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

P: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

C: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

P: I confess my iniquity;

C: I am sorry for my sin.

P: Make haste to help me,

C: O Lord, my salvation!

P: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

C: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Collect of the Day

P: *Let us pray.* Almighty God, in this hour graciously be with us, Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death on the cross, in Jesus name we pray.

C: AMEN

Old Testament

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 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; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Collect

P: *Let us pray.* Merciful and everlasting God, You didn't spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed in faith in Jesus that we don't fear the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of

need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Collect

P: *Let us pray.* Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

+ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST + (John 18:1-19:42)

Hymn Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (#440 vs.1)

Reading John 18:1-11
(*Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas,

having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (# 450 vs. 1)

Reading John 18:12-27
(*Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter*)

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal

a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (# 450 vs. 4)

Reading John 19:16b-24
(The Crucifixion of Jesus)

So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the

chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things,

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (# 450 vs. 5)

Reading John 19:25-30
(Jesus' Mother and His Death)

but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (# 450 vs. 6)

Reading

John 19:31-42

(Jesus' side is pierced.)

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (# 450 vs. 7)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

Bidding Prayer

P: We pray for the Church throughout the world, that churches flourish in their working of connecting people with the love of Jesus.

C: Father God, by Your Holy Spirit, guide our church to present a clear witness to the love of Jesus. Let unity overcome division, truth overcome error, and love overcome strife;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

P: We pray for the Synod President, Rev. Tim Teuscher; Regional Pastor, Rev. Marvin Bublitz; for our pastors and teachers; for all servants of the Church; and for all the people of God.

C: Lord of the Church, You bless our church with pastors and teachers, musicians and custodians, deaconesses and Sunday School teachers, missionaries and theologians, and a wide variety of ministries to extend Your love to communities everywhere. Uphold and guide all whom You call to various ministries, that their work give glory to You and extend Your reign in all communities;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

P: We pray for those who are new to the Christian faith and are preparing for Baptism or confirmation.

C: Lord God, You bless our church with new people. Guide them as they learn and grow to love You. Protect them from distractions. Help them to find ways to live out their newly experienced faith in acts of service. Help our church to welcome new people with open arms;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

P: We pray for those who do not believe in Jesus Christ, that the Holy Spirit would gently guide hearts to the love of God for us in Jesus.

C: Merciful God, You often work in wonderfully mysterious ways. We ask that Your Spirit move powerfully in the lives of those who do not believe to draw them toward Your love in Christ Jesus. Enable those of us who believe to be good and faithful witnesses to the love of Christ. Keep us from placing

unnecessary barriers in the way of the those who struggle to believe. Help us to be ready to rejoice when a lost sheep is found;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

P: We pray for those who serve in public office, that God guide them to lead with wisdom, compassion, and concern for those most vulnerable in our society.

C: God of power and might, bless the leaders of our nation, state, and local communities. Create in them the humility to lead as those who serve. Protect us from corrupt and unjust leaders. Guide all who serve in public office to seek the peace, well-being, freedom, and joy of the people they serve;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

P: We pray for those in need: the sick, the dying, the oppressed, and the vulnerable.

C: Compassionate God, Your special care of those in difficult circumstances is evident in the mercy Jesus showed to those who were poor, blind, lame, or rejected by the world. Bless those in trouble with healing, peace, and the love of those they need to help them through each day. Help us to notice people's need and to respond with providing for both their physical and spiritual needs;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

P: Finally, we pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

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

+ CONTEMPLATION OF THE CROSS +

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Reproaches Based on Micah 6 and Isaiah 5

P: At the time of Micah, the people had forgotten the Lord, and so He declared His case against them. When Christ was on the cross, these approaches were again fitting.

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Saviour to the cross. O My people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord have mercy.

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

+ PLACING OUR NAILS ON THE CROSS +

Adoration of Christ

P: We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

C: For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

P: God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

C: We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

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Hymn # 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Christ Candle is extinguished and removed reflecting Jesus' time in the tomb

Strepitus

(A loud sound is heard, signifying the closing of the tomb.)

Final Thought

It seems strange to call this day “good.” After all, on this day, Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, was tortured, beaten, spit on, and brutally crucified on a cross. WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT THAT? Actually, the goodness of this day is extensive and amazing. At the cross, God’s plan to redeem the world came to full fruition. Rather than ignore our sins, pretend it away, or eternally turn away from us, God became one of us, and in an act of pure self-sacrifice and love, Jesus willingly suffered the worst. FOR YOU. FOR ME. FOR THE WORLD. Ours is not a God who says to us, “*If you obey Me well enough, then I might love you.*” Our God says to us at the outset, “*I love you. I willingly gave My life for yours. If you want to see the extent of My love, look to the cross. Let My love draw you to hear and obey Me.*” So today’s service is not a funeral for Jesus. It is a way to remember the events of Jesus’ death. It is an occasion for us to be drawn closer in love to the God who loves us unconditionally. It is an occasion to weep over our sins that made the crucifixion of Jesus necessary. It is an occasion to rejoice in the forgiveness and peace that comes from putting our faith in our crucified Lord. It is an occasion to marvel at the breadth, height, and depth of God’s love for us. YES, IT IS... GOOD FRIDAY.

*The Story Isn't Over... only Act 1 and 2.
Join us on Sunday for Act 3 ~ Easter Resurrection*

Zion

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Berea

Resurrection Celebration with Communion 8:30 am

Zion

Resurrection Celebration with Communion 11 am