

**GOOD FRIDAY  
2021**

*See God has come to save me. I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
The Lord God is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.  
With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*  
Isaiah 12:2-3

*So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many ...  
to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him!*  
Hebrews 9:28

*Tell the whole world what He has done.  
Oh, how mighty He is!  
Sing to the Lord, for He has done wonderful things.  
Make known His praise around the world.*  
Isaiah 12:4-5

**Take Me In  
The Battle Belongs To The Lord**

*He suffered the things we should have suffered. He took on himself the pain that should have been ours. But we thought God was punishing him. We thought God was wounding him and making him suffer. But the servant was pierced because we had sinned. He was crushed because we had done what was evil. He was punished to make us whole again. His wounds have healed us. All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God. All of us have turned to our own way. And the Lord has placed on his servant the sins of all of us. He was treated badly and made to suffer. But he didn't open his mouth. He was led away like a lamb to be killed. He was arrested and sentenced to death. Then he was taken away. He was cut off from this life. He was punished for the sins of us all. He was given a grave with those who were evil. But his body was buried in the tomb of a rich man. He was killed even though he hadn't harmed anyone. And he had never lied to anyone. The Lord says, "It was my plan to crush him and cause him to suffer. I made his life an offering to pay for sin." **Isaiah 53:4-10***

**Majesty**

**MESSAGE: THE CROSS**

## SERVICE OF DARKNESS

At daybreak the chief priest and the teachers of the law made their plans. Having heard His testimony, they bound Jesus and led Him away to Pilate. And Pilate, wishing to please the crowd ordered Jesus to be whipped then handed Him over to be crucified. Jesus went out, carrying His own cross to a place outside the city, the place of the skull - Golgotha.

*(First candle is extinguished)*

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride*

As Jesus made His way through Jerusalem toward Golgotha, the crowd followed. Exhausted from the soldier's torture and beatings, He could go no further and collapsed under the weight of the cross, falling to the ground.

*(Second candle is extinguished)*

*Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood*

After Jesus had fallen, the soldiers seized a man from the crowd, Simon of Cyrene and laid the cross on his shoulders for him to carry it behind Jesus. 'If anyone would come after me,' Jesus said to His disciples, 'Let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.'

*(Third candle is extinguished)*

*See from His head His hands His feet*

*Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown*

A large number of people were following Jesus and He looked up and saw many women from Jerusalem crying over His pain and suffering. Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem do not weep for me. No one takes my life from me, I give it up of my own will.'

*(Fourth candle is extinguished)*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all*

Two other men, both criminals were also led out with Him to be executed. When they arrived at Golgotha, there they crucified Jesus 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, the Son of God.' The soldiers also came up and mocked Him.

*(Fifth candle is extinguished)*

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory*

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, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?' Then lifting His eyes to heaven, He cried out, 'It is finished,' and bowed His head and died. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom and the earth shook and rocks split.

*(Sixth candle is extinguished)*

*Behold the man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished*

When the Roman centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that happened, they were terrified and exclaimed, 'Surely He was the Son of God!'

*(Christ candle is extinguished)*

*Thunder, Darkness and Silence*

After a moment of silence, the Christ candle is lit again, symbolizing that the payment for our sin was complete. You are invited to sit quietly and reflect as long as you wish. When you are ready to leave, please exit in silence; preparing for the Good News of Easter.