



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE, APRIL 2ND, 2021

Join us at 7pm on [Facebook](#) and use this guide to pray along with us.

- **INTRO**

Good Friday is here. This is a time of holy remembrance: not merely looking back nostalgically on moments gone by, but immersing ourselves and participating in the redeeming reality of what Jesus did once *for all time*. Tonight, we read and remember the story of Jesus in his final moments leading to the Cross, to shape our lives in a posture of repentance and pattern ourselves after his grace. We'll structure this time of prayer and reflection after the ancient Christian tradition of "Tenebrae," a Latin word for *darkness*, extinguishing a candle with each part of the Good Friday story as told in Luke's Gospel. Let's worship, let's remember, let's pray.

- **PAUSE**

"As I enter prayer now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to recenter my scattered senses on the presence of God." (Lectio365)

I remember Jesus: his obedient suffering, his sacrificial love, his saving death.

I set my heart and mind upon the mighty, mysterious acts of God; I immerse my life and my imagination in his Story, that I might live for his glory.

Pause and Pray.

- **SONG**

"Remembrance"

VERSE 1

I take the bread of life
Broken for all my sin
Your body crucified
To make me whole again
I will recall the cup
Poured out in sacrifice
To trade this sinner's end
For Your new covenant

CHORUS 1

Hallelujah
I'll live my life in remembrance
Hallelujah
Your promise I won't forget

VERSE 3

I'll walk salvation's road
With fear and trembling
Your way borne as my own
As Christ is formed in me

CHORUS 2

Hallelujah
I'll live my life in remembrance
Hallelujah
Your promise I won't forget
If ever I should lose my way
If ever I deny Your grace
Remind me of the price You paid
Hallelujah
I'll live in remembrance

BRIDGE

You've been so, so good to me
You've been so, so good to me
Oh to think where I would be
If not for You, if not for You

CHORUS 3

As far as heights reach from the depths
As far as east is from the west
So far Your grace has carried me
Until I see You face to face
Until at last I've won my race
Remind me You're not finished yet
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, I'll live in remembrance

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• **THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL (LUKE 22:1-6)**

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

• **THE SHADOW OF DENIAL (LUKE 22:24-34)**

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

• **PRAY**

As you ponder the shadow of betrayal and denial in Jesus' Story, pause and pray: for your life and for the world.

- **SONG**

“Nothing but the Blood”

VERSE 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

CHORUS

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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- **THE SHADOW OF ANGUISH (LUKE 22:39-46)**

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. ⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

- **THE SHADOW OF ARREST (LUKE 22:47-53)**

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹ When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

- **PRAY**

As you ponder the shadow of Jesus’ anguish and arrest, pause and pray: for your life and for the world.

- **SONG**

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

VERSE 1

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

VERSE 2

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

VERSE 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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“How He Loves”

(Yeah) He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves

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- **THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS (LUKE 23:32-43)**

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

- **THE SHADOW OF DEATH (LUKE 23:44-49)**

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

- **PRAY**

As you ponder the shadow of the Cross and the death of Christ, pause and pray: for your life and for the world.

- **SONG**

"Were You There"

VERSE 1

Were you there
When they crucified my Lord
Were you there
When they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
Tremble, tremble
Were you there
When they crucified my Lord

VERSE 2

Were you there
When they nailed Him to the tree
Were you there
When they nailed Him to the tree

O sometimes it causes me to tremble
Tremble, tremble
Were you there
When they nailed Him to the tree

VERSE 3

Were you there
When they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there
When they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
Tremble, tremble
Were you there
When they laid Him in the tomb

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- **THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB (LUKE 23:50-56)**

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

• **SONG**

“God Rested”

VERSE 1

So they took his body down
The man who said he was
The resurrection and the life
Was lifeless on the ground now
The sky was red as blood
Along the blade of night
As the Sabbath fell
They shrouded him in linen
They dressed him like a wound
The rich man and the women
They laid him in the tomb

CHORUS 1

Six days shall you labor
The seventh is the Lord's
In six he made the earth
And all the heavens
But he rested on the seventh
God rested
He said that it was finished
And the seventh day he blessed it
God rested

VERSE 2

So they laid their hopes away
They buried all their dreams
About the Kingdom he proclaimed
And they sealed them in the grave
As a holy silence fell on all Jerusalem
But the Pharisees were restless
Pilate had no peace
Peter's heart was reckless
Mary couldn't sleep
But God rested

CHORUS 2

Six days shall you labor
The seventh is the Lord's
In six he made the earth
And all the heavens
But he rested on the seventh
God rested
He worked till it was finished
And the seventh day he blessed it
He said that it was good
And the seventh day he blessed it
God rested

ENDING

The sun went down
The Sabbath faded
The holy day was done
And all creation waited