



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 2, 2021

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, look with mercy upon us,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
was willing to be betrayed
and to be given into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RESPONSE - "HOLY GOD"

Holy God, Holy and Mighty Holy immortal one
Have mercy, have mercy on us

IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." **MATTHEW 26:36-46**

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. **ISAIAH 53:3**

RESPONSE - "MY SOUL IS OVERWHELMED"

Holy God, Holy and Mighty Holy immortal one
Have mercy, have mercy on us

BETRAYED IN THE HANDS OF SINNERS

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." **MATTHEW 26:47-50**

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. **ISAIAH 53:4**

RESPONSE - "SURELY OUR GRIEFS"

Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows!
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

TRIED BEFORE PILATE

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. **MATTHEW 27:24-26**

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **ISAIAH 53:7**

RESPONSE - "YOUR WILL BE DONE"

Your will be done on earth,
O Lord, as in Heaven
Grant us patience in times of sorrow
To be obedient in love and suffering, O God
Restrain and guide our flesh and blood
That acts against Your will
Your will be done

MOCKED & BEATEN

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. **MATTHEW 27: 7-31**

There were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness. **ISAIAH 52:14**

RESPONSE - "HE MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN"

He made Him who knew no sin
To die to set us free
He made Him who knew no sin
To be sin for us

CRUCIFIED

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. **MARK 15.21-24**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. **ISAIAH 53:5**

RESPONSE - "HE WAS PIERCED"

He was pierced
Rejected by men for our wrongdoing
And crushed for injustice

PROMISE OF PARADISE

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.” 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.” **LUKE 23:32-24; 39-43**

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. **ISAIAH 53.11**

RESPONSE - “JESUS REMEMBER ME”

Jesus, remember me
When You come into Your Kingdom
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When You come into Your Kingdom

THE DEATH OF OUR LORD

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

MATTHEW 27:44 & JOHN 19:28-30

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. **ISAIAH 53:12**

RESPONSE - “HOW LONG?”

1. How long, will You turn Your face away?
How long, do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way —
How long?

2. How long, till Your children find their rest?
How long, till You draw them to Your breast?
We go on, holding to Your promises —
How long?

REFRAIN

*Till You wipe away the tears from every eye
Till we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus give us hope again*

4. How long, till Your word will still the storm?
How long, till You bear Your mighty arm?
How we groan, till You snatch us from the thorns —
How long?

5. How long, sweet the dawn that ends the race?
How long, weak our hearts but strong our legs?
Looking on, great the cloud of witnesses —
How long?

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. **AMEN.**

RESPONSE - "O GREAT LOVE"

O Great Love
O great love, O love beyond all measure
That You would lay down Your life for faithless sinners
You did not turn away
From those who struck Your face
O great love, O love beyond all telling
May my cold heart be broken by Your suffering
O great love, struck down but not destroyed
Now who can look upon that sight
The king of love now crucified
Now who can look upon that sight
The Son of God now crucified

CLOSING PRAYER

Christ Jesus you hung upon a cross and died for us
so that we might live for you;
your body was broken and your blood shed
so that we might be healed and made whole;
you were faithful unto death
so that we might be faithful unto life.
Your last command was that we might love one another,
one family together from every tribe and nation,
a new creation united through your sacrifice
redeemed by your blood, healed by your love
united by your covenant of peace.
In your death may we find life. **AMEN.**

FINAL SONG - BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life