



Quaker Memorial Good Friday Service

April 10, 2020

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TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. Come, let us worship.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sins, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful God, we want to live so that our lives praise you, but we are tempted by greed, selfishness and pride. We have heard your call to witness in your name, but too often we are silent or we run when frightened and unsure. Help us to be faithful followers willing to go where Christ leads. AMEN

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

**Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Even though Jesus was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped." Rather "he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even unto death on a cross." He did for us so that we might have life and approach God's throne of judgment cleansed of our sin. In Christ we are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE:

"Father Forgive Them"

Luke 23: 32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

REFLECTION:

- How does acknowledging our sins bring us closer to God?
- From Jesus' words from the cross, what can I learn about forgiveness?
- Who is waiting for my forgiveness and what is holding me back?

SCRIPTURE:

"Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise"

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

REFLECTION:

- Have I ever been surprised when forgiveness is extended to another?
- Do I ever think people deserve the calamities that happen to them?
- When have God's ways not been my ways?

HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
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SCRIPTURE:

"Woman Here Is Your Son"

John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

REFLECTION:

- Who has served as a family member to me and what qualities did they have?
- Who are the ones you could nurture and support as if they were family?
- Am I likely to feel either comfortable or uncomfortable with new people in worship?

SCRIPTURE:

"Eloi Eloi lema sabachthani?"

Mark 15:33-34

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

REFLECTION:

- When have I cried out to God? How has God answered?
- When in my life have I felt most needy and did I know God was there?
- What can I do when it doesn't feel as though God is with me?

SCRIPTURE

"I Am Thirsty"

John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to full fill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

REFLECTION:

- How have I "offered a cup of water" to persons thirsty with need?
- How have others met my needs?
- What times in my life did I feel God's love for me in spite of the difficulties I was having?

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

SCRIPTURE

"It is Finished"

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

REFLECTION:

- Do I have a purpose in life that is linked to God who created me?
- When have things seemed to be ruined, but God worked it out for good?
- What do I hope people will say about my life when it is finished?

SCRIPTURE:

"Father Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit"

Luke 23:44-47

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."

REFLECTION:

- What parts of my life have I not given up to God? What keeps me from doing so?
- What other people do I attempt to control and how do I do so?
- When is it hardest to let go and let God?

PRAYER:

Gracious and loving God, you know our needs, hopes, concerns and joys before they are even on our mind. You care for them from the moment they exist. You welcome our prayers for they remind us of our need for you and our conversations with you gives you joy. Be with us on this Good Friday as we remember the gift of your son. Give us patience, perseverance, compassion and love as we continue to shelter in place and practice social distancing. Be with those who are ill, those who are care takers and health providers, and first responders. For those who have lost loved ones, from whatever cause, be with their loved ones, support and surround them with your grace and your love. Help us all to remember with awe and thanksgiving your gift of forgiveness and eternal life.

Let us pray together the 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BENEDICTION:

Truly Jesus Christ is God's chosen one. We will follow where Christ leads us with wonder and with awe.