

*Good  
Friday*



TRULY THIS WAS THE  
SON OF GOD.

MATTHEW 27:54

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN  
805 MAIN AVENUE, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF MEDITATION AND WORSHIP**

**APRIL 2, 2021**

**1:30 P.M.**

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Samuel J. Stone, 1866*

*Silent prayer in preparation for worship:*

*Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family,  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and  
given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the  
cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
ever one God, world without end, Amen.*

*From the Anglican Book of Common Prayer for Good Friday*

**INTERLUDE**

*Adagio*

*Samuel Barber*

**READING**

*Luke 23:32-38*

**“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”**

ALMIGHTY GOD, LORD JESUS IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT THIS DAY WE ARE HIS SIN. HE HAS TAKEN UPON HIMSELF WHAT IS OURS, AND HAS GIVEN US WHAT IS HIS. HE HAS TAKEN UPON HIMSELF WHAT HE WAS NOT, AND HAS GIVEN TO US WHAT WE ARE NOT. THROUGH HIS GRACE, WE HAVE A RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT OUR OWN.

**\*HYMN**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**READING**

*Luke 23:39-43*

**“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THROUGH HIS GRACE WE HAVE THE CERTAIN HOPE OF LIFE, ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL. BECAUSE HE WAS CURSED, WE MAY BE BLESSED, IN THIS LIFE AND FOREVERMORE.

**READING**

*John 19:23-27*

**“Woman, behold your son.” “Behold, your mother.”**

IN GRATITUDE FOR THIS GRACE, MAY WE BE DILIGENT TO LOVE THOSE HE WOULD HAVE US LOVE; ATTENTIVE TO THOSE HE ENTRUSTS TO OUR CARE, AND MAY WE SERVE THEIR NEEDS GLADLY, WITH GENEROSITY, SELFLESSNESS AND LOVE.

**READING**

*Matthew 27:45-46*

**“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?”**

MAY WE SEE IN THE CROSS THE TRAGIC EXTENT OF OUR SIN. STRENGTHEN AND ENABLE US, O GOD, TO RESIST THE SIREN CALL OF SIN IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES AND ENDEAVOR TO DO AT ALL TIMES WHAT IS PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT.

**READING**

*John 19:28-29*

**“I thirst.”**

O GOD; MAY WE EXPERIENCE THE BEATITUDINAL BLESSING PROMISED TO THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. MAY WE THIRST TO BE HOLY, MAY WE THIRST TO BE LIKE CHRIST, MAY WE THIRST TO BRING HONOR TO HIS SACRED NAME THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL.

**\*HYMN**

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

**MEDITATION**

ABIDING FAITH, HOPE & LOVE AT THE CROSS

**\*HYMN**

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

**READING**

*John 19:30*

**“It is finished.”**

MAY WE HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE WORK OF SALVATION IS INDEED FINISHED. WE THANK YOU, O GOD, FOR THE BLESSED ASSURANCE THAT JESUS HAS TAKEN AWAY OUR SINS, SAVING US FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.

**READING**

*Luke 23:46-49*

**“Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit!”**

AT THE FOOT OF OUR SAVIOR’S CROSS, IT IS WITH HEART AND SOUL WE GRATEFULLY COMMIT OUR LIVES TO YOUR CARE. MAY YOUR FATHERLY HANDS GUIDE US, PROVIDE FOR US AND PROTECT US NOW AND FOREVER. HEAR US AS WE PRAY, AS OUR LORD TAUGHT US TO PRAY: “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, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER, AMEN.”

**THE STREPITUS**



# In the Cross of Christ I Glory

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross . . . Gal. 6:14

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Ithamar Conkey, 1849

John Bowring, 1825

## THE STREPITUS

Occasionally on Maundy Thursday we observe a version of the medieval liturgy called the Tenebrae, or Service of Darkness, in which the candles and lights are gradually extinguished until the congregation sits in darkness ... at which point the Christ candle is carried out, symbolic of Jesus being led out into the night to His trial and crucifixion. We observed this last night. As explained during the service, for the Jew the day begins at sundown; so Jesus is crucified the same "day" He was betrayed, arrested and had His last supper with the disciples.

As the Tenabrae service is extended into Good Friday, the darkness is also seen as a representation of the darkness which covered the earth at the death of Jesus. In some traditions (as we will observe in our liturgy today) the service literally ends with a bang, called the Strepitus (STREP-ee-toose).

Strepitus is Latin for "loud noise", and is signified by the slamming of a book or a door, or in some churches, even the clashing of a cymbal. The "loud noise" symbolizes the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matt. 27:51) at Jesus' death, and foreshadows the "violent earthquake" (Matt. 28:2) at the opening of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r-ing o'er the wrecks of time;  
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive, and fears an-noy,  
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up - on my way,  
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and pleas-ure, By the cross are sanc-ti-fied;

All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath-ers round its head sub-lime.  
Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.  
From the cross the ra - dian-ce stream-ing Adds more lus-ter to the day.  
Peace is there that knows no meas-ure, Joys that thro' all time a - bide. A-men.

## "Man of Sorrows," What a Name

A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief . . . Isa. 53:3

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7778

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

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1. "Man of Sor - rows," what a name For the Son of God who came  
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, In my place con-demned He stood;  
3. Guilt - y, vile and help - less, we; Spot - less Lamb of God was He;  
4. Lift - ed up was He to die, "It is fin - ished," was His cry;  
5. When He comes, our glo - rious King, All His ran - somed home to bring,

Ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
Sealed my par - don with His blood; Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
"Full a - tone - ment" can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
Now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high; Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
Then a - new this song we'll sing; Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14

Unison

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,  
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;  
 That were a pres - ent far too small:

My rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 All the vain things that charm me most -  
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.



For unto us a Child is born,  
*SURELY HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS,*  
 Unto us a Son is given:  
*AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS:*  
 And the government  
*YET WE DID ESTEEM HIM STRICKEN,*  
 Shall be upon His shoulder:  
*SMITTEN OF GOD, AND AFFLICTED.*  
 And His name shall be called  
*BUT HE WAS WOUNDED*  
 Wonderful Counselor,  
*FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,*  
 The Mighty God,  
*HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES:*  
 The Everlasting Father,  
*THE CHASTISEMENT OF*  
 The Prince of Peace.  
*OUR PEACE*  
*WAS UPON HM, AND WITH HIS STRIPES,*  
***WE ARE HEALED.***

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Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 53: 4,5