

Good Friday

April 10, 2020

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Jesus said: I give you a new commandment. Love one another as I have loved you. By this world will know that we are his disciples, if we love one another.

Prelude

"Thy Will Be Done"

Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

Thanksgiving and Intercession

Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May your life-giving power at work in us turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and sorrow into joy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

"Where You There"

Scripture Reading

John 18:1-19; 42

Meditation and Reflection on his precious word

*Let us each day walk through the sufferings of Christ. Christ said very little when he was betrayed. He did not attempt to defend himself, but "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross"
Phil 2:8*

"I thirst" John 19:28

These words of Christ remind us that not only was he fully God, which he showed by his ultimate forgiveness, but he was also fully man. Someone soaks a sponge in cheap wine and offers it to Christ on a hyssop stalk. Even though he had been battered, a crown of thorns pressed into his skull, nails hammered into his hands and feet, this is the only time he vocalizes his physical suffering. We will never know the pain he experienced on the cross, but we have experienced thirst. His words ground us in his human experience.

May we thirst for your living water.

A Spiritual Practice for Good Friday

Lectio Devina Method

Use this method so that you are intentional about encountering the Living Word. The Lectio Devina method has four separate steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. First passage of scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. Followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God.

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By Shemaiah Gonzalez, "Guided meditation on the seven last words of Christ" *The Catholic Sun*, April 3, 2019

By Santi Rodriguez, "Holy Week Through The Eyes of Youth" *BuildFaith.org* 2009

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"They Will Be Done" by Craig Courtney, Beckenhorst Press <https://tinyurl.com/rvoogrv>

"Were You There"

Words and Music: African American Spiritual