



Reaching

Inward - Outward - Upward

For Christ

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ORDER OF SERVICE

- Scripture Reading: Romans 5:6-10, 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:3-5
- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Call to Worship
- Song #295 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
- Reading: "The Manger and the Cross"
- Song #352 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"
- Scripture Reading: Mark 15:16-32
- Special Music by David R. and Curtis R. "Stricken, Smitten, & Afflicted"
- Scripture Reading: Mark 15:33-47
- Special Music by Michelle A. and Lisa R. "The Power of the Cross"
- Forgive Media Presentation
- Song #324 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
- Meditation by Pastor Peter
- Song "Jesus Messiah"
- Communion: Song by David R. and Curtis R.—"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
- Special Music by Hana H. "His Life for Mine"
- Closing Prayer

Thank you Lorna and Lisa for all the hard work you put into this.



A PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matt. 27:46

"It is finished." John 19:30

Dear Lord Jesus, for years I struggled calling the day of your crucifixion "good." How presumptuous on our part. That there *had* to be a day when you—the eternally glorious Son of God, would be made sin for us, is not good at all. But at the same time, that you would *freely* and *gladly* give yourself for us on the cross, is never-to-be surpassed goodness—quintessential goodness.

Oh, the wonder of it all. From the cross, and from your heart, came these two impassioned cries. "Father forgive them" (Luke 23:34) and "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46). The first required the second. The second secured the first. Together, they humble our hearts and fuel our worship.

And then there's the third cry. "It is finished." *Nothing* is left undone, concerning our salvation and for the transformation of our world. Once and for all—perfectly and fully, we have been reconciled to God. You became sin for us, that in you, we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21)—the Just for the unjust, the Beautiful One for the broken ones, the Lamb of God for the rebels from God.

Lord Jesus, a millions years into our life in the new heaven and new earth, we will still be stunned with awe, worship, and gratitude for the greatness of your sacrifice and love for us. Because you were fully forsaken, we are forever forgiven. Because you exhausted God's judgment against our numberless sins, we now live by the gift of your perfect righteousness. Bow our heads in humility and raise our hands in praise. So very Amen we pray, in your all-glorious, all-grace-full name.

-Scotty Smith, from the Gospel Coalition

Sunday, April 16 10:30 AM— Worship Service Easter Cantata Baptism Pastor Dennis Burriss