
The Worship of God

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Prayer

Call to Worship: Philippians 2:5b-8 LSB

Christ Jesus, who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men.

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” 246

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” 247

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 49

How did Christ humble himself in his death?

Christ humbled himself in his death, in that having been betrayed by Judas,[1] forsaken by his disciples,[2] scorned and rejected by the world,[3] condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors,[4] having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God’s wrath,[5] he laid down his life an offering for sin,[6] enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.[7]

1. Matt. 27:4; 2. Matt. 26:56; 3. Isa. 53:2-3; 4. Matt. 27:26-50; John 19:34; 5. Luke 22:44; Matt. 27:46; 6. Isa. 53:10; 7. Phil. 2:8; Heb. 12:2; Gal. 3:13

Unison Prayer using Psalm 5

Hear my words, O Yahweh. Give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my pleading, my king and my God, for to you I pray.

O Yahweh, in the morning you will hear my voice. In the morning I will set forth my case to you and I will watch. For you are not a God who desires wickedness. Evil cannot dwell with you. The boastful do not stand before your eyes. You hate all evildoers. You destroy speakers of lies. A man of bloodshed and deceit Yahweh abhors. But as for me, through the abundance of your steadfast love I will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

O Yahweh, lead me in your righteousness because of my enemies; make straight before me your way. For there is not anything reliable in his mouth; their inner part is destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit. Treat them as guilty, O God; let them fall because of their plans. Because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take shelter in you rejoice. Let them ever sing for joy, because you spread protection over them; And let those who love your name exult in you. For you bless the righteous. O Yahweh, like a shield you surround him with good favor.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading and Message: Matthew 27:45-46 “The Father’s Love”

The Lord’s Supper

“Were You There?” 260

Benediction

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