

**Reading: Luke 23:26 Jesus carries his cross**

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.



**PRAYER**

Lord our God, we pray that today you may break into the crowds and reveal to those who know nothing of Your saving grace that Your death was for them also.

**Speak to our hearts Lord, You gave up Your life for me, Your life in exchange for mine. My sin for Your righteousness.**

**Lord to say thank you feels like it is inadequate for what You have done - help me to live my life for You from this day and follow You.**

**Reading: John 19:23. Jesus is nailed to the cross**



When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier

**Hymn:** 181 Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

**The Death of Jesus**

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”* (which means *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*)

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, *“He’s calling Elijah.”*

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

The rest said, *“Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”*

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

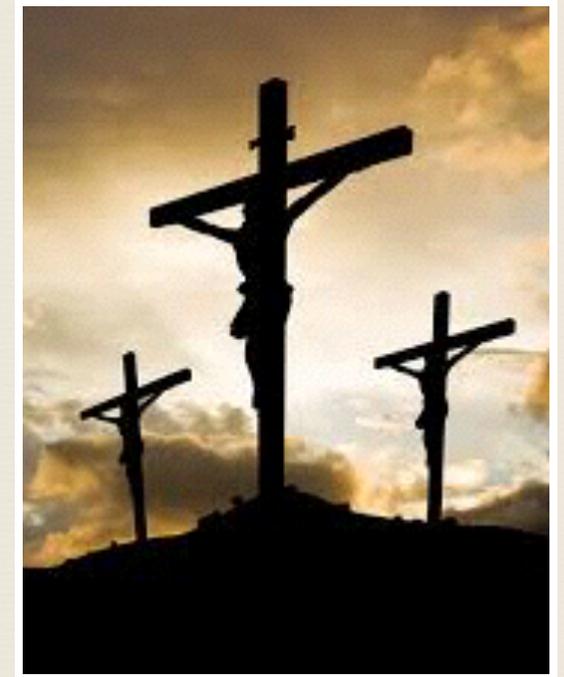
At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split.....

**Hymn:** 180 When I survey

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# GOOD FRIDAY

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We must be very careful lest we think in a way that implies God’s ways are foolish or unwise or cruel.

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### Prayers (make your own prayers)

**Reading:** Mark 14:64-65. Jesus is condemned to death

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away to their council (Luke 22:66).

They all condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him: "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows

#### PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, You know how fickle our hearts can be.**

A few days earlier the crowds were hailing You as King and shouting hallelujah and yet today the crowds called out for Your crucifixion.

**We claim to be on the side of good and to desire life and call ourselves Christians** but reject Your words, preferring to follow our own paths

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, do not abandon us to our foolish and rebellious ways. Do not lose patience with us.**

### Reading: Luke 22:59-62.



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another kept insisting: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean". But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying". At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock

#### PRAYER

Lord, you chose Peter, the disciple who denied you under pressure and yet you forgave him when he turned to you in true repentance. You forgave and reinstated him as your trusted disciple and friend.

**Lord, where our lives have disowned you, where we have denied you and rejected your ways have mercy on us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

### Reading: (Mark 15:16-18).

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace; and they called together the whole cohort. They clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"



#### PRAYER

Lord our God, words fail me in prayer at this point. As we think of the horrors of torture and how Jesus bore it all.

**He did not deserve any of this and yet bore it all triumphantly for lost humanity.**

This day we now call Good seems anything but good. And yet your word tells us by your stripes we are healed. (Isa 53)

**How your pain has brought us healing - Lord give us eyes to see. For thine is the power and the glory.**