

Good Friday Meditation

Order of Service for Enhanced Family Worship

April 10, 2020

"It is the blood of Christ that rends the veil and makes a way into the holy of holies...into the kingdom of heaven; without this blood, there is no access to God; it is only by the blood of Christ that heaven is open to our prayers, and that heaven is open to our persons. This blood is the key that unlocks heaven, and lets in the souls of His redeemed ones!"

- Isaac Ambrose

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn: Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed (#254)**

***Confession of Sin: Read and Respond - Isaiah 53:1-6**

***Prayer of Confession:**

"Our Lord, teach us to see that our whole salvation and all its parts are comprehended in Christ...If we seek salvation, we are taught by the very name of Jesus that it is 'of him'. If we seek any other gifts of the Spirit, they will be found in his anointing. If we seek strength, it lies in his dominion; if purity, in his conception; if gentleness, it appears in his birth. For by his birth he was made like us in all respects that he might learn to feel our pain. If we seek redemption, it lies in his passion; if acquittal, in his condemnation; if remission of the curse, in his cross; if satisfaction, in his sacrifice; if purification, in his blood; if reconciliation, in his descent into hell; if mortification of the flesh, in his tomb; if newness of life, in his resurrection; if immortality, in the same; if inheritance of the Heavenly Kingdom, in his entrance into heaven; if protection, if security if abundant supply of all blessings, in his Kingdom; if untroubled expectation of judgment; in the power given to him to judge. In short, since rich store of every kind of good abounds in him, let us drink our fill from the fountain, and from no other. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen." (From John Calvin, Institutes 2.16.19).

***Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (#247)**

*** Scripture Reading:** ^{ESV} **John 19:16-30:** So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the

King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Meditation on the Seven Sayings of Our Lord on the Cross:

1. "Father forgive them..." (Luke 23:34)
2. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43)
3. "Woman, behold, your son ... Behold your mother" (John 19:26-27)
4. "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani!" (Mark 15:34)
5. "I thirst..." (John 19:28)
6. "It is finished" (John 19:30)
7. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit..." (Luke 23:46)

*** Prayer of Blessing**

***Hymn: There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (#253)**

*** Closing Scripture Reading: Rev 5:12-13**

***Hymn: Man Of Sorrows! What a Name (#246)**

***Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21**