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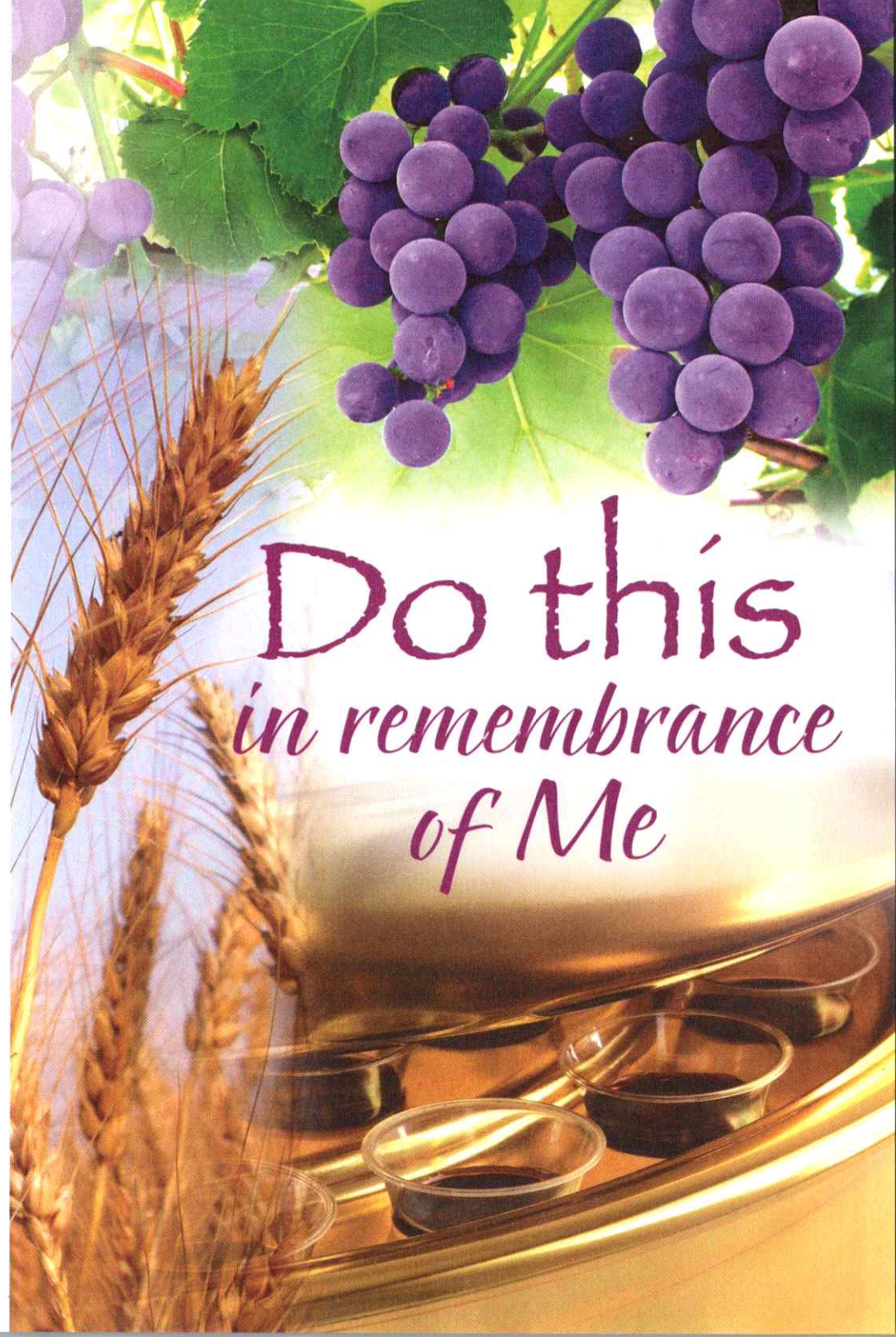


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Do this
in remembrance
of Me

Good Friday Worship Service
April 18, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Scripture Reference: Luke 23:4-16 (ESV)

Sermon Outline: "The Blindness of Evil"

Call To Worship: (Congregation Stands)
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Singing Together: (Congregation Stands)
"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"
"Lead Me to Calvary"
"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"

Congregational Reading: The 10 Commandments

Prayer For The Gathering
The Lord's Prayer

The Observance of Communion

Doxology

Offertory and Special Music: "Written in Red"

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:4-16

Prayer For Illumination

Message: "The Blindness of Evil"

Prayer for Understanding

Response Song: (Congregation Stands)
"O How He Loves You and Me"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

- I. Introduction, John 8:44-45.
- II. Exposition of the text, Luke 23:4-16; John 18:38b.
 - A. Context, John 18:36-38a.
 - B. Blind to the truth.
 1. Pilate's pragmatism, vs. 4-7; John 18:38b.
 - a. Pilate declares Jesus innocent, vs. 4, John 18:38b.
 - b. The Sanhedrin's angry response, vs. 5.
 - c. Passing the buck, vs. 6-7.
 2. Jesus before Herod, vs. 8-12.
 - a. A licentious, frivolous man, vs. 8.
 - b. Lampooning the King of kings, vs. 9,11a.
 - c. The bitter blindness of the Sanhedrin, vs. 10.
 - d. Pilate and Herod become friends, vs. 11b,12.
 3. Pilate's verdict of "not guilty", vs. 13-15.
 - a. Jesus' innocence, vs. 13-14.
 - b. The testimony of two witnesses, vs. 15a, Deut. 17:6.
 4. A "peace offering" and Providence, vs. 15b, 16.
 - C. The blindness of evil.
 1. The blindness of pragmatism, Psa. 2:1-6.
 2. The blindness of shallow licentiousness, Luke 17:26-30.
 3. The blindness of false religion, John 8:4
- III. Conclusion: The ultimate irony, Acts 2:22-24.

Synopsis:

In this message we continue our lengthy "once-a-year" series harmonizing the various Gospel accounts of Jesus' activity on Good Friday. In this episode we will study, primarily from Luke's Gospel, a unique interlude in the trial before Pilate. After interviewing Jesus, Pilate publicly establishes His innocence. But when the Jews double down on their accusations, he sends Jesus to Herod Antipas because Jesus fell under his jurisdiction. But when Jesus would not perform for Herod, he lampooned Him and returned Him to Pilate without a verdict. We will analyze the three clearly defined actors in this scenario-- the secular government of Pilate, the false religion of the Jews, and the hedonistic frivolity of Herod-- as agents of satan and his network of evil. But the great irony of the story is that by driving Jesus to the Cross, all of satan's nefarious agents are ultimately accomplishing God's Providential will. We will see how blind to the truth satan and all his evil agents are, both to the salvation that is only available through Christ, and their own destruction which they are actively working to bring about!

Worship Songs

April 18, 2025

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Hallelujah, What a Savior!

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name,
For the Son of God, who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished," was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lead Me to Calvary

King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Refrain
Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,
Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept. (Refrain)

Let me, like Mary, through the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
Lead me to Calvary. (Refrain)

May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me. (Refrain)

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Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer died
For man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away-
'Tis all that I can do.

Congregational Reading "The Ten Commandments"

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them,

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Written in Red

In letters of crimson
God wrote His love,
On a hillside so long, long ago.
For you and for me, Jesus died,
And love's greatest story was told.

Refrain
I love you; I love you,
That's what Calvary said.
I love you; I love you,
I love you written in red.

Down through the ages,
God wrote His love.
With the same hands
that suffered and bled,
giving all He had to give,
A message so easily read.
(Refrain)

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Scripture Reading: Luke 23:4-16

Luke 23:4. Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."

Luke 23:5. But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

Luke 23:6. When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

Luke 23:7. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

Luke 23:8. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him.

Luke 23:9. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer.

Luke 23:10. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

Luke 23:11. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.

Luke 23:12. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Luke 23:13. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

Luke 23:14. and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him.

Luke 23:15. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.

Luke 23:16. I will therefore punish and release him."

O How He Loves You and Me

Jesus to Calv'ry did go;
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there bro't
Hope from despair.

O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
Bless His holy name.

The Grace of the Cross

O MY SAVIOUR,

*I thank thee from the depths of my being
for thy wondrous grace and love
in bearing my sin in thine own body on the tree.*

*May thy cross be to me
as the tree that sweetens my bitter Marahs,
as the rod that blossoms with life and beauty,
as the brazen serpent that calls forth
the look of faith.*

*By thy cross crucify my every sin;
Use it to increase my intimacy with thyself;*

*Make it the ground of all my comfort,
the liveliness of all my duties,
the sum of all thy gospel promises,
the comfort of all my afflictions,
the vigour of my love, thankfulness, graces,
the very essence of my religion;*

*And by it give me that rest without rest,
the rest of ceaseless praise.*

O MY LORD AND SAVIOUR,

*Thou hast also appointed a cross for me
to take up and carry,*

a cross before thou givest me a crown.

*Thou hast appointed it to be my portion,
but self-love hates it,*

carnal reason is unreconciled to it;

*without the grace of patience I cannot bear it,
walk with it, profit by it.*

*O blessed cross, what mercies dost thou bring
with thee!*

*Thou art only esteemed hateful by my rebel will,
heavy because I shirk thy load.*

*Teach me, gracious Lord and Saviour,
that with my cross thou sendest promised grace
so that I may bear it patiently,
that my cross is thy yoke which is easy,
and thy burden which is light.*

A prayer from the Valley of Vision

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