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He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Cor. 5:21

Good Friday Worship Service
April 3, 2026
6:30 p.m.

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: "Mary's Heart"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:11-14
Prayer For Illumination

Message: "When Silence Thunders"

Prayer for Understanding

Response Song: (Congregation Stands)
"There is a Redeemer"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Lead Me to Calvary"

Scripture Reference: Matt. 27:11-14 (ESV)

Sermon Outline: "When Silence Thunders"

- I. Introduction, Jer. 12:1-2; Job 9:24; Psa. 13:1-2.
- II. Exposition of the text, Matt. 27:12-14.
 - A. Context, John 18:36-38.
 - B. Grappling with the Lord's silence, Luke 23:10.
 1. Silent before His accusers, vs. 12, Luke 23:25; Matt. 22:21, 27:11; Rom. 13:6.
 2. The governor's amazement, vs. 13-14.
 - a. The governor's plea, vs. 13.
 - b. Reasons for silence, vs. 14a.
 - i. No one was interested in the truth.
 - 1) The Sanhedrin and the Jews, Matt. 27:3-4.
 - 2) Pilate and the Romans.
 - 3) Herod Antipas.
 - ii. The blindness of unbelief, John 18:38.
 - 1) The Sanhedrin and the Jews.
 - 2) Pilate and the Romans, John 18:38.
 - 3) Herod Antipas.
 - iii. The march to the Cross, Luke 2:34-35, 9:22, 51; Acts 2:23.
 - iv. The fulfillment of prophecy, Isa. 53:7.
 - c. Pilate's amazement, vs. 14b, John 19:10-11.
 3. A consistent silence, Matt. 26:62-64.
 - a. A consistent theme, John 18:21, 19:1-3; Matt. 26:64, 67; Luke 22:67, 23:9, 11.
 - b. With good reason.
 - III. Application
 - A. Jesus on trial.
 - B. Who is winning and who is losing?
 - C. The Lamb is NOT silent!
 - D. The reason we despair, Matt. 24:14, 28:18-20, 25:31, 32.
 - E. A lesson for the church, John 14:6, Rev. 1:8, 17-18, Isa. 45:18, 22-25.
 - IV. Conclusion

Synopsis: "When Silence Thunders"

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 turn back to Matthew where Jesus is still in His civil trial before Pilate. The members of the Sanhedrin, after condemning Him to death, bring him bound before the Roman governor of Judea with allegations of sedition. Except for a single enigmatic answer when asked if He is the King of the Jews, Jesus remains silent before both Pilate and His accusers. This amazes Pilate as He tries to understand why this serene, dignified and obviously innocent man does not defend Himself. But as we shall see, Jesus has a crystalline focus on the Cross and defending Himself will not aid in bringing that about. When faced with unbelief, persecution, and the wickedness of our culture, Christians often ask today why the Lamb is silent. We will answer that question by showing He has never been silent-- only focused. And if we fail to hear His thunderous voice from heaven, it is because we are listening for the wrong words.

Good Friday Worship Songs
April 3, 2026

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.

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.

Mary's Heart

On a morning much like this morning,
Birds were singing to welcome the early dawn.
The horizon glowed, emphasizing,
A new day, but one that was like none before.

Mocked and beaten, held beneath the city,
In a cell, He waited for His destiny!
His mother Mary was soon to carry,
The anguish of her child, hung upon a tree!

As the sky turned to coal, the cross took its toll!
I can hear the cry of her soul!

"Come down, come down, my son!
You saved others. So why must I grieve?
Oh...come mend this broken heart!
Come down, and all will believe!"

His execution, the resolution,
For a debt mankind could never pay!
He was forsaken! Mary was shaken!
At the sight of His suffering, she turned away!

As the sky turned to coal, the cross took its toll!
I can hear the cry of her soul!

"Come down, come down, my son!
You saved others. So why must I grieve?
Oh...come mend this broken heart!
Come down, and all will believe!"

How could she understand,
That he bore the sins of man,
And God's sacrificial Lamb must die! Did she cry.

"Come down, come down, my son!
You saved others. So why must I grieve?
Oh...come mend this broken heart!
Come down, and all will believe!"

Scripture Reading: Matt.27:11-14

Matt. 27:11. Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so."

Matt. 27:12. But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.

Matt. 27:13. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

Matt. 27:14. But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

There Is a Redeemer

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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Lead Me to Calvary

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

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