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BITTERSWEET FRIDAY

THREE WORDS OF TRUTH: "IT IS FINISHED!"



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Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? - Hymn# 119

Pastor: In the name of The Father, and of The Son(†), and of The Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion,

Response: Blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Response: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Pastor: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.

Response: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

Response: And my mouth will declare Your praise!

Pastor: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

Response: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,

Response: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

All: O Lord, forgive our sins and remember them no more. We confess that it was our sin that led Jesus to the cross. For us, He laid down His life. Remember Your mercy and love. Amen.

Pastor: For Jesus' sake, our heavenly Father puts our sins away and remembers them no more.

Receive forgiveness of sins, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

THE SUFFERING SERVANT OF THE LORD (see insert)

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Leader: For thus says The Lord God: “My people went down at first into Egypt to dwell there; then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here,” says The Lord, “that My people are taken away for nothing?”

Men & Boys: Those who rule over them make them wail,” says The Lord, “and My name is blasphemed continually every day.

Leader: Therefore My people shall know My name. Therefore they shall know in that day that I Am, He, Who speaks. Behold, it is I.”

Women & Girls: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Leader: Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices! With their voices they shall sing together; for they shall see eye to eye, when The Lord brings back Zion.

Congregation: Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for The Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem!

Leader: The Lord has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the Earth shall see the salvation of our God!

Women & Girls: Depart! Depart! Go out from there! Touch no unclean thing. Go out from the midst of her. Be clean, you who bear the vessels of The Lord.

Men & Boys: For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for The Lord will go before you, and The God of Israel *will be* your rear guard.

Leader: Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently. He will rise! He will be lifted up! He will be highly exalted!

Congregation: Just as many were appalled at Him, His appearance was so disfigured that He did not look like a man, and His form was disfigured more than any other person.

Leader: So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him.

Men & Boys: For what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

Women & Girls: Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of The Lord been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot and like a root from dry ground. He had no attractiveness and no majesty. When we saw him, nothing about His appearance made us desire Him.

Congregation: He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief, who was well-acquainted with suffering. Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at, He was despised and we thought nothing of Him. Surely, He was taking up our weaknesses, and He was carrying our sufferings. We thought it was because of God that He was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,

Leader: But He *was* wounded for our transgressions. *He was* bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him. And by His stripes we are healed.

Congregation: All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned, every one, to his own way, and The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

Congregation: He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living. For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

Leader: They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked, but He was given a grave with the rich in his death, because He had done no violence and no deceit was in His mouth.

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” -Hymn# 385

1Corinthians 2:1-8

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of The Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory!

“Calvary!” -Siloah’s Gospel Choir

John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that The Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there. And they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

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THE BIDDING PRAYER

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would keep and defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the devil, and keep it always on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Let us pray for those instructed in the Christian faith, that our Lord God would open their hearts and pour out His mercy, that having received the forgiveness of all their sins by the washing of rebirth, they may remember their baptism and remain firm in the faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Let us pray for all in authority, and especially for the government of *the United States*, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Let us pray to Lord God, Almighty, that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, free those in bondage, grant a safe return to the travelers, health to the sick, and a safe harbor for those at sea.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Let us pray for those who do not know Christ, that those who walk in darkness may see His glorious light.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously give them whatever is needful for them and profitable for their salvation.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Let us pray for the fruits of the Earth, that God would send down His blessing on them, and graciously move our hearts to enjoy them in submission to His holy Will.

Congregation prays silently

Pastor: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying: ***Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us, this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes- Hymn# 139