

# MORNING PRAYER: GOOD FRIDAY

Greeting

Presider: O Lord, open my lips.

All: And my mouth will declare your praise.

Presider: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

OPENING HYMN: ONLY THIS I WANT

DAN SCHUTTE

Refrain



On - ly this I want: but to know the Lord,  
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

Verses



1. All but this is loss,      worth-less ref-use to me,  
2. I will run the race;      I will fight the good fight,  
3. Let your heart be glad,      al - ways glad in the Lord,

to Refrain



1. for to gain the Lord is to gain — all I need.  
2. so to win the prize of the king-dom of my Lord.  
3. so to shine like stars in the dark-ness of the night.

Presider: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our sake.

PSALM 51: *Please recite alternating sides.*

Side 1: Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offense. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

Side 2: My offenses truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

Side 1: That you may be justified when you give sentence and be without reproach when you judge. O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived.

Side 2: Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Side 1: **Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, that the bones you have crushed may revive. From my sins turn away your face and blot out all my guilt.**

Side 2: A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Side 1: **Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervor sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.**

Side 2: O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Side 1: **For in your sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offerings from me you would refuse, my sacrifice, a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.**

Side 2: In your goodness, show favor to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice holocausts offered on your altar.

Side 1: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

Side 2: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

Presider: Jesus Christ love us, and poured out his own blood for us to wash away our sins.

CANTICLE OF HABAKKUK: *Please recite alternating sides.*

Side 1: **O Lord, I have heard your renown, and feared, O Lord, your work. In the course of the years, revive it, in the course of the years make it known; in your wrath remember compassion.**

Side 2: God comes from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Covered are the heavens with His glory, and with His praise the earth is filled.

Side 1: **His splendor spreads like the light; rays shine forth from beside him, where His power is concealed. You come forth to save your people, to save your anointed one.**

Side 2: You tread the sea with your steeds amid the churning of the deep waters. I hear, and my body trembles; at the sound, my lips quiver.

Side 1: **Decay invades my bones, my legs tremble beneath me. I await the day of distress that will come upon the people who attack us.**

Side 2: For though the fig tree blossoms not, nor fruit be on the vines, though the yield of the olive fail and the terraces produce no nourishment,

Side 1: **Though the flocks disappear from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.**

Side 2: God my Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet swift as those of hinds and enables me to go upon the heights.

Side 1: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

Side 2: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

All: Jesus Christ loved us and poured out his own blood for us to wash away our sins.

HYMN: WERE YOU THERE

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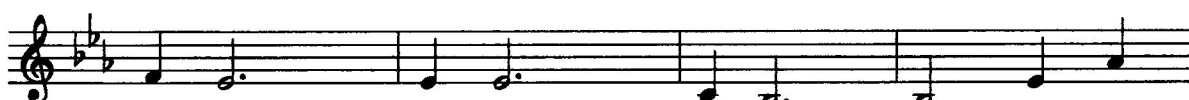
1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?



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Oh! Some-times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble, Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 there when they pierced him in the side?  
 there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Text: African-American spiritual

Tune: WERE YOU THERE, 10 10 with refrain; African-American spiritual; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

READING: ISAIAH 54: 4-12

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH: *Please recite alternate sides.*

Side 1: **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.**

Side 2: He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of this servant David.

Side 1: **Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our  
enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.**

Side 2: He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

Side 1: **This was the oath he swore to our Father Abraham: to set us free from the  
hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in  
his sight all the days of our life.**

Side 2: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

Side 1: **To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

Side 2: In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Side 1: **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Side 2: And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Side 1: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

Side 2: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Presider: Over his head they hung their accusation:  
"Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

UNIVERSAL PRAYER: OUR RESPONSE IS "LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.."

BLESSING

DISMISSAL IN SILENCE

**In thanksgiving for all those at our liturgy who...**

Preside at our prayer, welcome God's people, proclaim God's word, lead and inspire us in song, serve at our liturgy, prepare our liturgy and worship space, minister the Holy Eucharist, and for all who pray and celebrate with us this day.

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