

## GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10, 2020

### Greeting

### Prayer

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10: 19-23

**Message:** "Confidence at the Cross"

**Song of Response:** *Arise, My Soul, Arise* - Kuperus Family  
Words by Charles Wesley; Additional Lyrics and Tune by Steven Strite  
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*Arise, my soul, arise! Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands*

*He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead:  
His blood atoned for all our race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.*

*Arise! Arise! Arise, my soul, Arise!  
Jesus the perfect sacrifice  
Made the way for us to stand by reconciling God and man.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"*

*The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed one;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son:  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
And tells me I am born of God.*

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*My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear:  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.*

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### **Journey to the Cross**

#### **Jesus arrested and sentenced**

**Scripture:** Mark 14: 43-46, 53, 61-64

**Response:** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* - sing along or read at home  
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*Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour:  
Turn not from his griefs away - teach us, Lord, how we should pray.*

*Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned.  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss - help us, Lord, to bear our cross.*

#### **Jesus' Crucifixion**

**Scripture:** Mark 15: 6-32

**Response:** *Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded* - Renee Kuperus  
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*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown.  
O sacred head, what glory and blessing you have known!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I claim you as my own.*

*My Lord, what you did suffer was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain.  
So here I kneel, my Savior, for I deserve your place;  
Look on me with your favor and save me by your grace.*

## **Jesus' Death**

**Scripture:** Mark 15:33-39

**Response:** *How Deep the Father's Love For Us* - Michele Kuperus  
(Written by Stuart Townsend, CCLI#547476)

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.*

## **Jesus' Burial**

**Scripture:** Mark 15: 42-46

**Response:** *Rock of Ages* - sing along or read at home  
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*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

*Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow.  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me Savior, or I die!*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.*

Benediction

## ARTICLE 26: THE INTERCESSION OF CHRIST – PART 1

We believe that we have no access to God  
except through the one and only Mediator and  
Intercessor:

Jesus Christ the Righteous.

He therefore was made man,  
uniting together the divine and human natures,  
so that we human beings might have access to  
the divine Majesty.

Otherwise we would have no access.

But this Mediator,  
whom the Father has appointed between himself  
and us,

ought not terrify us by his greatness,  
so that we have to look for another one,  
according to our fancy.

For neither in heaven nor among the creatures  
on earth

is there anyone who loves us  
more than Jesus Christ does.

Although he was “in the form of God,”  
he nevertheless “emptied himself,”  
taking the form of “a man” and “a servant” for us;  
and he made himself “completely like his  
brothers.”

Suppose we had to find another intercessor.

Who would love us more than he who gave his  
life for us,

even though “we were his enemies”?

And suppose we had to find one who has  
prestige and power.

Who has as much of these as he who is seated  
“at the right hand of the Father,”

and who has all power

“in heaven and on earth”?

And who will be heard more readily  
than God’s own dearly beloved Son?

So then, sheer unbelief has led to the practice  
of dishonoring the saints,  
instead of honoring them.

That was something the saints never did nor  
asked for,

but which in keeping with their duty,

as appears from their writings,  
they consistently refused.

We should not plead here  
that we are unworthy—

for it is not a question of offering our prayers  
on the basis of our own dignity

but only on the basis of the excellence and  
dignity

of Jesus Christ,

whose righteousness is ours  
by faith.

## ARTICLE 26: THE INTERCESSION OF CHRIST - PART 2

Since the apostle for good reason  
wants us to get rid of this foolish fear—  
or rather, this unbelief—  
he says to us that Jesus Christ  
was “made like his brothers in all things,”  
that he might be a high priest  
who is merciful and faithful  
to purify the sins of the people.  
For since he suffered,  
being tempted,  
he is also able to help those  
who are tempted.  
And further,  
to encourage us more  
to approach him  
he says,  
“Since we have a high priest,  
Jesus the Son of God,  
who has entered into heaven,  
we maintain our confession.  
For we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to have compassion for our  
weaknesses,  
but one who was tempted in all things,  
just as we are,  
except for sin.  
Let us go then  
with confidence  
to the throne of grace  
that we may obtain mercy  
and find grace,  
in order to be helped.”

The same apostle says that  
we “have liberty to enter into the holy place  
by the blood of Jesus.  
Let us go, then, in the assurance  
of faith....”  
Likewise,  
“Christ’s priesthood is forever.  
By this he is able to save completely  
those who draw near to God through him  
who always lives to intercede  
for them.”  
What more do we need?  
For Christ himself declares:  
“I am the way, the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to my Father  
but by me.”  
Why should we seek  
another intercessor?  
Since it has pleased God  
to give us his Son as our Intercessor,  
let us not leave him for another—  
or rather seek, without ever finding.  
For when God gave him to us  
he knew well that we were sinners.  
Therefore,  
in following the command of Christ  
we call on the heavenly Father  
through Christ,  
our only Mediator,  
as we are taught by the Lord’s Prayer,  
being assured that we shall obtain  
all we ask of the Father  
in his name.