

Good Friday Ecumenical Service
Vail Interfaith Chapel, 12 Noon



"And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." 2 Corinthians 5:15

People's Response to Jesus

I. Those Who Wanted Him Crucified

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26 [Fr. Brooks Keith](#)
[The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration](#)

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge--to the great amazement of the governor. Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

[Devotional: Fr. Brooks Keith](#)

Moment of Silent Prayer

Responsive Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 [Greg Osteen](#)

[Vail Valley Cares](#)

Reader: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

*Congregation: **but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!***

Reader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

*Congregation: **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

Music: Reflection/Special Music

II. Those Who Mocked Him

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:21-32 [Fr. Joe Bui, St. Patrick Catholic Church](#)

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means The Place of the Skull. Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews. They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

[Devotional: Fr. Joe Bui](#)

Moment of Silent Prayer

Responsive Reading: Romans 6:4-11 [Deacon Mike Williams](#)
[The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration](#)

Reader: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Congregation: ***If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.***

Reader: Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

Congregation: ***The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.***

Congregational Hymn: *What Wondrous Love is This*

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2 When I was sin - king down, sin - king down, sin - king down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sin - king down, sin - king down; when I was sin - king
 God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 down be - neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: Appalachian folk hymn
 Tune: *Southern Harmony*, 1835



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WONDROUS LOVE
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III. Those Who Were Crucified Beside Him

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-43 [Deacon Mike Williams](#)
[The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration](#)

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

[Devotional – Deacon Mike Williams](#)

Invitation to come forward: *Congregation comes to the altar row by row, giving a nail, taking a rose, symbolizing Christ giving his life so that we might have life.*

Music: "Jesus Remember Me"

Chord progression: Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, Eb

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The first four measures are marked with chords: Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, and Eb.

Chord progression: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, Eb

Je-sus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom.

The second system of the musical score continues from the first. It is marked with a measure rest '5' at the beginning. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The first four measures are marked with chords: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, and Eb.

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IV. Those Who Loved Him and Whom He Loved

Scripture Reading: John 19:25-27 [Pastor Scott Beebe](#)
[Mt. of the Holy Cross Lutheran](#)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Devotional: [Pastor Scott Beebe](#)

Moment of Silent Prayer

Responsive Reading Ephesians 2:4-10 [Margie Ciaccio](#)
[The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration](#)

Reader: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

Congregation: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Reader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.

Congregation: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Music: "Lift High the Cross"

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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V. Those Who Were Keeping Watch Over Him

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:50-54 [Matthew Wyatt](#)

[Mountain Community Church](#)

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

[Devotional – Matthew Wyatt](#)

Moment of Silent Prayer

Responsive Reading: Colossians 2:6-7, 13-15 [Greg Osteen](#)

[Vail Valley Cares](#)

Reader: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

*Congregation: **When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,***

Reader: having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

*Congregation: **And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.***

Closing Prayer - [Greg Osteen](#) – [Vail Valley Cares](#)

*By tradition our offering is donated to Vail Valley Cares.
Please also join us downstairs for tea and hot cross buns.*



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