

GOOD FRIDAY

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and loving God, we come together on this solemn day to honor Your sacrificial love, to receive it with gratitude, to celebrate it with humility, and to share it with all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

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TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

UNISON READING

Isaiah 52:13-15. Ch.

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MESSAGE

"Three Crosses"

The Cross of Rebellion, Repentance, & Redemption

("This Man" by Jeremy Camp)

COME TO THE CROSS (please read opposite side)

Beginning with the front pew, please file from your pew and approach the cross. Nail your nametag to the cross. As you do, remember that Jesus paid the price for your sins when He died on the cross for you. After nailing your name to the cross, please be seated and watch

The video
Friday....."

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Leave in Silence

What would you like to leave at the cross? We know what Jesus brought. We see the forgiveness we have because of the scars in His hands, the love that He showed through the path He took. We wear a garment of grace because He took on a garment of sin. We see what Jesus brought to the cross. But you know, for the cross of Christ to become the cross of our life, we need to leave something, too. What would you like to leave? Many people never do. Many come and do what we've done—they look at the cross, they think about the cross, they don't allow the cross to touch their hearts. And that's because they never leave anything there.

May I suggest two or three things you might consider leaving at the foot of the cross? Why don't you begin with your bad moments? Those mistakes, those failures, those regrets that you have. Why don't you leave them there and let God do what He wants to do, cast them into the ocean of his grace. Why don't you leave your anxious moments?

After you've left some of the past, why don't you leave some of the future? What are you worried about? Next week? Next month? Next year? Take those anxious moments to the cross. Go to the cross, and spend some time there. Hold the spike in your hand. Finger that braided crown once again. Reach down and touch the moistened dirt, moistened with blood that Christ bled for you, the crown He wore for you, the spikes He took for you. And remember, thinking about all the things that God did for you on the cross then, don't you think He's proven He can take care of you now? Or as Paul said, "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, will He not also along with Him graciously give us all things?"

Give God your bad moments. Give Him your anxious moments. Give Him our past. Give Him your future. And give Him your last moment. Many of us fear that final breath, that final moment, that final step from this world to the next. But you don't have to be afraid. You see, the death and resurrection of Jesus is proof and preview of our own. Just as He died, unless the Lord returns

first, we die, too. But just as He was raised from the dead, we will be as well. You don't need to be afraid of that moment. Give it to God.