

JESUS' FIRST WORD FROM THE CROSS:

"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

READING: Luke 23:32-34

Time of Silence

Unison Prayer:

Almighty God, to whom your crucified Son prayed for the forgiveness of those who had no idea what they were truly doing, grant that we, too, may be included in that prayer. Whether we sin out of ignorance or intention, be merciful to us and grant us your acceptance and peace, by the blood of Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. Amen.

JESUS' SECOND WORD:

"Today you will be with me in Paradise."

READING: Luke 23:39-43

Time of Silence

Unison Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to the repentant criminal the joy of paradise and a relationship with you. Enable us by the Holy Spirit to truly repent and turn from our self-centered ways. Help us realize we cannot earn your love or salvation. Instead let us gratefully receive them as your free, yet priceless gift. Grant to us your grace and strength in this world and the world to come. Amen.

JESUS' FOURTH WORD:

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

READING: Matthew 27:45-46

Time of Silence

Unison Prayer:

Almighty God, who forsook your Son upon the cross, showing the world your judgment upon human sin and guilt, teach us the truth that Jesus' separation from you was actually what we deserved. Help us to know and believe that we will never be forsaken, that you are present with us even to the end of the age: for the sake of Jesus Christ, who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.

JESUS' SEVENTH WORD:

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

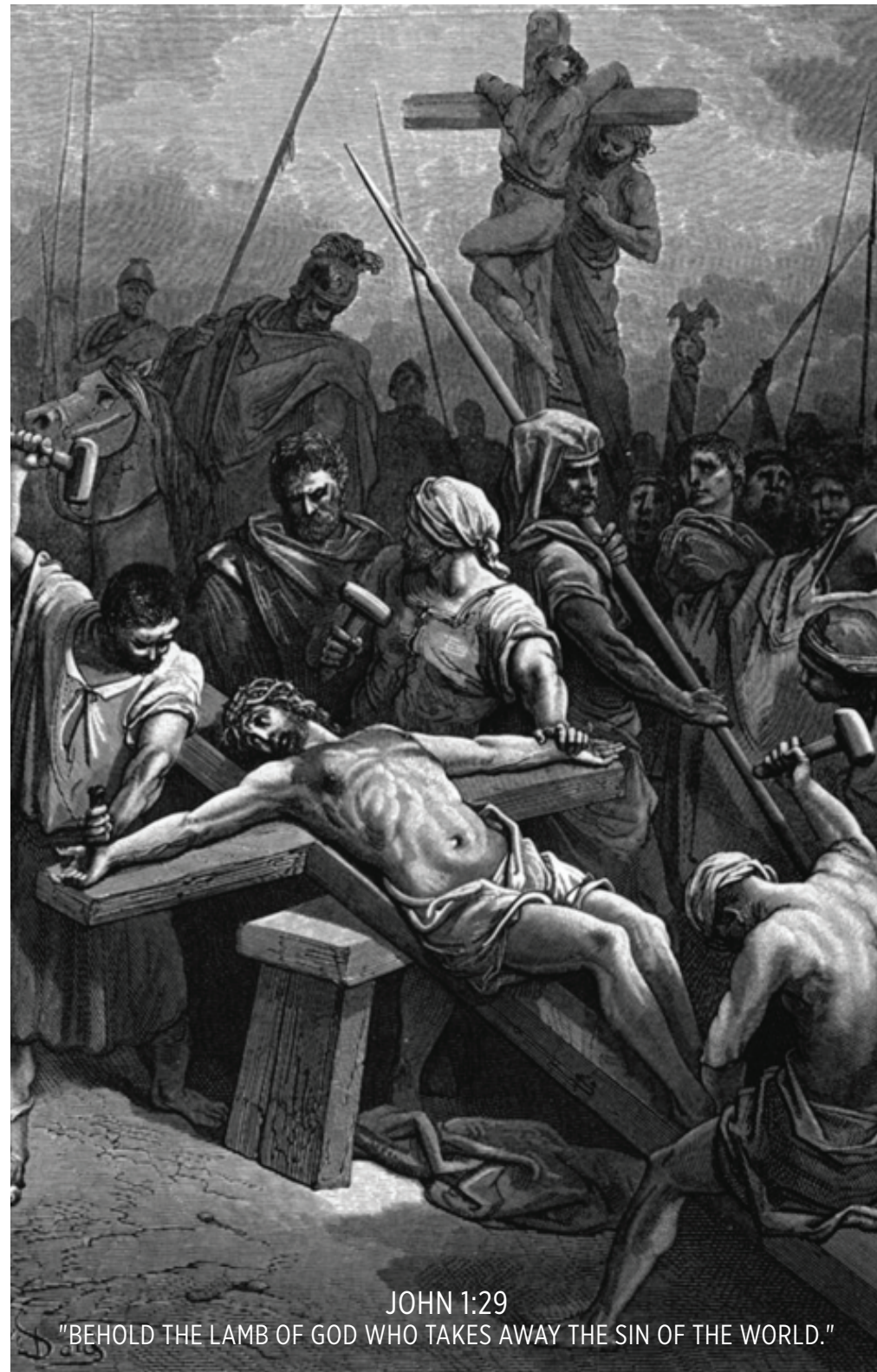
READING: Luke 23:44-49

Time of Silence

Unison Prayer:

Father, into whose hands your Son Jesus Christ commended his spirit, grant that we, too, following his example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into your faithful hands of love: in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us all. Amen.

Join us for Easter Sunday Worship at 9:00 or 10:45am — and invite a friend.



Good Friday

OPENING RESPONSE: (from Isaiah 53:4-6)

Leader: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
PEOPLE: Yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him,
and afflicted.

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for
our iniquities;

PEOPLE: The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by
his wounds we are healed.

Leader: All we, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to
his own way;

PEOPLE: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

SONG: “Just As I Am”

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come! I come

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH:

READING: Luke 23:20-24

Time of Silence

Unison Prayer:

Jesus, Blessed Redeemer, you who came to live a sinless life in
an evil and rebellious world, help us not to deceive ourselves
into thinking that we too are innocent. Teach us that it was our
sin which caused your crucifixion, our rebellion that led to your
sacrifice on our behalf. Open our hearts to the truth, that we
may open our hearts to you in gratitude. We ask this in your
name. Amen.

JESUS IS MOCKED:

READING: Matthew 27:27-31

Time of Silence

Unison Prayer:

Loving Lord, you who suffered such abuse from the hands of
those you came to save, give us your strength so that our
worship would not be weak, ignorant or self-centered; but
transform us - heart, soul, mind, and strength - that we may
offer to you the true honor, glory, and praise that is rightfully
yours. Amen.

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED:

READING: Matthew 27:33-40

Time of Silence

Unison Prayer:

Most blessed Jesus, you who for the joy of saving sinners
suffered humiliation and endured the cross, grant us courage so
that we would not shrink from suffering or seek our own
comfort, satisfaction and glory. Instead free us to serve you and
the world you love with all that we are and all that we have. Let
us share in the fellowship of your sufferings so that we may also
know the power of your resurrection, for we ask it by your grace.
Amen.

SONG: “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?