

# Good Friday

## April 3, 2026

### The Power of the Cross



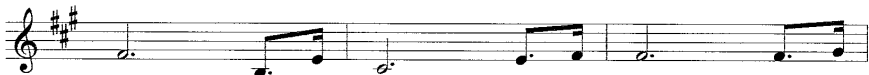
Oh to see the dawn of the dark-est day. Christ on the road to  
 Oh to see the pain writ-ten on Your face, bear-ing the awe-some  
 Now the day-light flees, now the ground be-neath quakes as its Mak-er  
 Oh to see my name writ-ten in the wounds, for through Your suf-f'ring



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then  
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed  
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live



nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be  
 crown-ing Your blood-stained brow. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be  
 "Fin-ish-ed!" the vic - t'ry cry. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be  
 won through Your self-less love! This the pow'r of the cross, Son of



- came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the  
 - came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the  
 - came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the  
 God slain for us. What a love, what a



wrath, We stand for-giv-en at the cross.  
 wrath, We stand for-giv-en at the cross.  
 wrath, We stand for-giv-en at the cross.  
 cost, We stand for-giv-en at the cross.

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## Reading

### The Meditation - "Father, Forgive them for they know not what they do."

## Prayer

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



I O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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## Reading

The Meditation - "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

## Prayer

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Sacred Head, Now Wounded'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a '2' indicating the second ending. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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## Reading

The Meditation - "Dear Woman, here is your son, and here is your mother."

## Prayer

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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## Reading

### The Meditation - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

## Prayer

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.



Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

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## Reading

### The Meditation - "I thirst."

## Prayer

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,



Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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## Reading

### The Meditation - "It is finished."

## Prayer

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;



Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!



When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,



But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

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## Reading

### The Meditation - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

## Prayer

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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## Moment of Silence

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## 456 Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
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## Strepitus

**Strepitus is Latin for "rumbling." The shutting of the vestry door is a reminder of the closing of Jesus' tomb.**

*The congregation leaves in silence.*

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