

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Johann Heermann, c. 1630
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HERZLIEBSTER JESU: 11. 11. 11. 5.
Johann Crüger, 1640

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast Thou of - fend - ed,
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on Thee?
3. For me, kind Je - sus, was Thy in - car - na - tion,
4. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay Thee,

That man to judge Thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done Thee! 'Twas I, Lord
Thy mor - tal sor - row, and Thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of
I do a - dore Thee, and will ev - er pray Thee, Think on Thy

rid - ed, by Thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
Je - sus, I it was de - nied Thee: I cru - ci - fied Thee.
an - guish and Thy bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.
pit - y and Thy love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing. A - MEN.

He was
wounded
for our
transgressions.

Isaiah 53:5



**Indicates: All who are physically able, may stand.*

PRELUDE **Mr. Cody Eckenrode**

*** EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Pastor: Today is Good Friday; it is a sad day - a day of darkness, a day of pain, a day of suffering, a day of death.

Congregation: **One by one the lights around the Christ candle have been smothered, snuffed out. This Light alone has burned faithfully and strong. And now it has burned down and the forces of darkness and evil threaten to overwhelm it.**

Pastor: Yet it still will be called upon to weather the taunts and spittle of insolent people, to face the governors and kings in midnight courts, to wear the crown of thorns, to carry the cross of our sin.

Congregation: **And it will do so victoriously, without calling down ten thousand angels. It will still love and call out, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." And it will say to its neighbor, "Truly, I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise."**

Pastor: And even though it shall die, it shall rise again and shine in greater glory for....

All people: ***THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.***

(The Christ Candle is Extinguished)

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

All: *Almighty God, look with mercy upon your family for whom our Savior, Jesus Christ, was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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HEBREW OR OLD TESTAMENT READING **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

SILENCE IS KEPT

GOSPEL READING **John 18:1-19:42**

SERMON *A House Divided* **Pastor Ryan Whisel**

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross, on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you desire justice for all the earth: guide our leaders and guard all people in the way of righteousness, freedom, and peace. Lord, in your mercy...

All people: *hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, give strength to the weary and courage to those who have lost heart; show mercy to all who are in trouble. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease. Lord, in your mercy...

All people: *hear our prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us sins and we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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* BENEDECTION

Pastors in unison: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All people: *By your holy cross, you have redeemed the whole world. Amen.*

The Ministers leave in silence. Worshipers may remain for further prayer and meditation.

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary,

as you leave the worship service. All of the offering will support the NE Food Pantry.

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Brenneman, Rev. David	St. Paul's United Methodist, Manchester
Gilman, Pastor Tom	Manchester Assemblies of God, Manchester
Miller, Rev. Dr. Eddie	St. Paul's United Methodist, Manchester
Rife, Pastor Katrina	St. Paul's United Methodist, Paddletown
Stetler, Pastor Roy	Quickels Evangelical Lutheran, York
Whisel, Pastor Ryan	St. Paul's United Methodist, Paddletown
Zortman, Rev. Mark	Otterbein United Methodist, Mount Wolf

LITANY OF CONFESSION BASED ON SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Pastor: Lord, you said from the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

All people: *I confess that too often I know exactly the evil I do, and I do it anyway. I hoard rather than share. I look out for myself and neglect the interest of others. I judge others harshly and absolve myself undeservedly. Forgive me for all that I do knowingly, neglect willfully and perpetrate indiscriminately. Forgive me for my culpability in this violent day. Lord, have mercy on me.*

Pastor: Lord, you said from the cross, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

All people: *I confess my resemblance to the one crucified beside you who derided and chided you. I want your benefits with none of the responsibilities. I call to you for rescue even when I fail to acknowledge my own guilt. Forgive me for failing to recognize my sin and for my sense of entitlement to your intervention. Forgive me for not seeing your innocence and selfless sacrifice. Lord, have mercy on me.*

Pastor: Lord, you said from the cross, "Woman, here is your son. ... Here is your mother."

All people: *I confess my unwillingness to tend to those for whom I have been entrusted to care. I resent others' demands on my time and resources. I desire the gifts of community but act as if my choices are solely about what is best for me and me alone. Forgive me for not taking to heart your command to love one another. Forgive me for not seeing each person I encounter as a gift for you and someone for whom I am to care. Lord, have mercy on me.*

Pastor: Lord, you said from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

All people: *I confess that I have forsaken you, time and time again. I said I would risk my life for you but instead denied you. You told me to stay awake and on watch, but I fall asleep. I promised I would not abandon you, but I run at the first sign of danger and don't want to get involved in the problems of "others." Forgive me for not seeing your reflection in those who are suffering and thus, forsake you, in forsaking them. Forgive me for my fickle faith and lack of courage. Forgive me for throwing off the cross and running away. Lord, have mercy on me.*

Pastor: Lord, you said from the cross, "I am thirsty."

All people: *I confess my resistance in giving a cup of cold water to your children in this world who too, are desperate for nourishment. I confess that my heart has not always been a spring of living water, but instead a desert of apathy and judgement. I turn and look away from those crying out for life's basic necessities. Forgive me for not giving what I have in your name and for your sake. Forgive me for my lack of compassion and my hard-heartedness. Lord, have mercy on me.*

Pastor: Lord, you said from the cross, "It is finished."

All people: *I confess that often I leave you long before you have declared your work complete. I confess that I don't want to look at suffering. I confess that my fear often overtakes my love for you and my neighbor. Forgive me, for not sticking it out. Forgive me for all the times I have not finished the work you gave me to do. Forgive me for giving up when I should have trusted your promises. Lord, have mercy on me.*

Pastor: Lord, you said from the cross, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

All people: *I confess that I was not there when you breathed your last. I confess my avoidance of death-dealing matters and thus, deny you are the Messiah. Forgive me for my lack of trust. Forgive me for losing hope when I do not see past earthly powers and recognize the kingdom of heaven come near, come to earth, come to me. Lord, have mercy on me.*

*** HYMN** *Alas! And did my Savior Bleed*

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - 'reign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

*** PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior of the world.

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*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Hear the promises of God: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression.

All people: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son, into the world to condemn it; but that the world through him, might be saved. Thanks be to God for merciful love.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Old Rugged Cross

Chancel Choir

BIDDING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "sins")

Pastor: Trusting in the promise of God's saving love, let us bring the needs of the whole world to the foot of the cross of Christ. Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ, your Son: guide the work of your Church, help it to keep faith, proclaim your name, and to offer salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy...

All people: *hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, by your Spirit you teach and guide your Church and make it holy. Strengthen and uphold pastors and all servants of the church. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us to do, faithfully, the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy...

All people: *hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Through baptism, you make us one in Christ. Help us to persevere in faith and together, regardless of denominational differences, make us one in love and service. Lord, in your mercy...

All people: *hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ, to receive the truth of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy...

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