"He was without any comforts of God –
no feeling that God loved Him – no Feeling that God pitied Him – no feeling that God supported Him. God was His sun before – now that sun became all darkness…He was without God – He was as if He had not God. All that God had been to Him before was taken from Him now. He was Godless –
deprived of His God. He had the feeling of the condemned, when the Judge says: "Depart from Me ye cursed," "who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." He felt that God said the same to Him. Ah! This is the hell which Christ suffered. The ocean of Christ's sufferings is unfathomable…He was forsaken in the [place] of sinners. If you close with Him as your surety, you will never be forsaken…" My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" [The answer?] For me – for me."

Robert Murray McCheyne

Spring Meadows Presbyterian Church

Good Friday Service

April 18, 2025

Prelude SMPC Acapella Group

Call to Worship Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

Leader: This the day the You have made, Lord.

Congregation: Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Leader: Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as Your people:

Congregation: to come to You in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all Your promises.

Leader: Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Congregation: Open our ears to hear Your Word.

Leader: Visit us through Your Holy Spirit,

Congregation: and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
*(**Refrain**)*

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great His love!)
and bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
*(**Refrain**)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
*(**Refrain**)*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
*(**Refrain**)*

***Refrain**:* Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Invocation

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

Confession of Sin

I, a poor sinner, confess myself before God Almighty, that I have gravely sinned by the transgression of His commandments; that I have done many things which I should have left undone, and I have left undone that which I should have done, through unbelief and distrust in God and weakness of love toward my fellow servants. God knows the guilt I have incurred, for which I am grieved. Be gracious to me, Lord. Be merciful to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Amazing Love!

My Lord, what love is this
that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free?
*(**Chorus**)*

And so they watched Him die
despised, rejected;
But O, the blood He shed flowed for me.
*(**Chorus**)*

And now this love of Christ
shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again.

***Chorus**:* Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God,
giv'n for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live,
that I might live.

(Last Time Repeat Chorus)

That I might live!

Galatians 3:6-14

(ESV)

6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as
righteousness”?

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of
Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would
justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to
Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So
then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the
man of faith.

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is
written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things
written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident
that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous
shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one
who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from
the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is
written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that
in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the
Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through
faith.

Good Friday Message Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Good Friday**
Title: **What is So Good about Good Friday?**
Text: **Galatians 3:6-14**
Theme: **Cursing and Blessing**

Intro:

I. The Comfort of the Gospel (vv.6-9)

II. The Disturbance of the Gospel (vv.10-12)

III. The Wisdom of the Gospel (vv.13-14)

Conclusion:

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee!

Benediction

Thank You

For Worshipping With Us
This Blessed
Good Friday Evening

Please plan on joining us:

Sunday, April 20th

Resurrection Reception for All
9:30AM – 10:15AM

Children's Resurrection Craft
9:30AM – 10:15AM

Resurrection Celebration Service
10:30AM *(Childcare Available)*

Children's Egg Hunt *(1-10 years)*
Following Worship Service



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