

Chippewa Valley General Assembly



# Daily Devotions

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## - The Holy Passover -

( Unfortunately called "Good Friday" )

**Behold the Lamb of God,  
which taketh away the sin of the world.  
John 1:29**

### **Introductory remarks about the term "Good Friday"**

While I understand that God worked the ultimate good through the sacrifice of His Son on Calvary's tree it is still hard for me to call the day of His crucifixion Good Friday.

In German the day is called, Karfreitag - "Sorrowful Friday" which to me seems more appropriate. It is believed that in earlier English it was called "God's Friday". As many of you know I have a personal uneasiness with the English days of the week as they are named after pagan deities, Friday being *Frīgedæg* the day for worship of the goddess Venus who was known as Fryge in the European tongues.

I personally despise that we English have dedicated our days and months to pagan deities. It is my belief that the 12 months ought to be named after the 12 Disciples and the days ought to

be remembered by their Hebrew numbers. Friday in Hebrew is *Yom Shishi* meaning the sixth day. I really do not like the term "Good Friday" especially as I am of the opinion that the crucifixion was on the 5th day of the week, not "friday". If I were king I would change it all but I am not even dog catcher.

I can use a different name for today for the use of my pastorate and the best name I can think of for it is "The Holy Passover" since Christ became the Passover Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins, whose blood is sprinkled on the door posts of our hearts so the angel of death will passover us and we will enter into eternal life.

**Beginning of Holy Passover Service 4/2/21 1:00 pm -  
Home of Helen and Becky Sieg**

Invocation:

Hymn : Were you there

Message: The seven Statements of Christ on the Cross  
(Note: They were not his last words- he speaks even today)

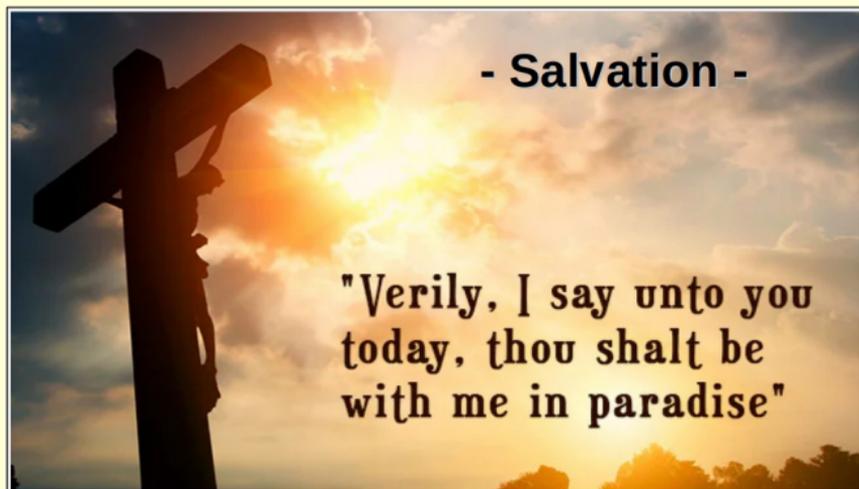


## **Forgiveness:**

It is fitting that Christ's first statement on the cross was the offer of forgiveness to all. It was not offered only to the soldiers who crucified him but was a blanket statement for all mankind. This was his purpose and reason for living - to become the sacrificial Lamb of Passover so that His shed blood would be offered for all.

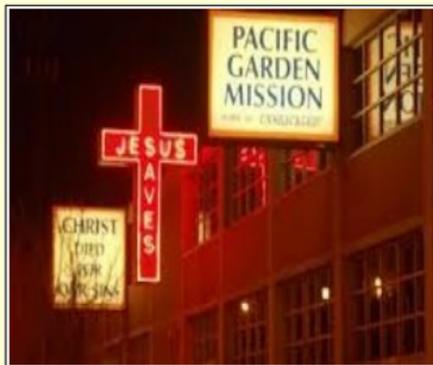
**Colossians 1:14**

**In whom we have redemption through his blood,  
even the forgiveness of sins:**



## **Salvation:**

In the ghetto of Chicago there is a bright Neon sign in the shape of a cross that has lit up the neighborhood for nearly a century. It's simple message is "Jesus Saves" and that clarion call has been a lighthouse for thousands of souls



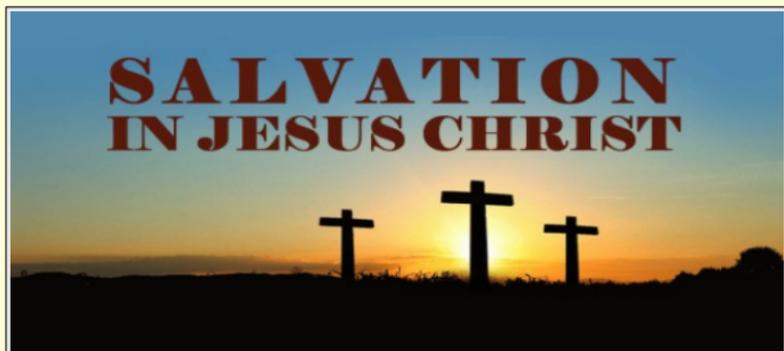
While dying in agony, struggling for each breath, Jesus evangelized and led one more dying soul into His Kingdom. A thief who admitted he deserved his punishment but to whom was revealed the sinlessness, perfection and love of Christ.

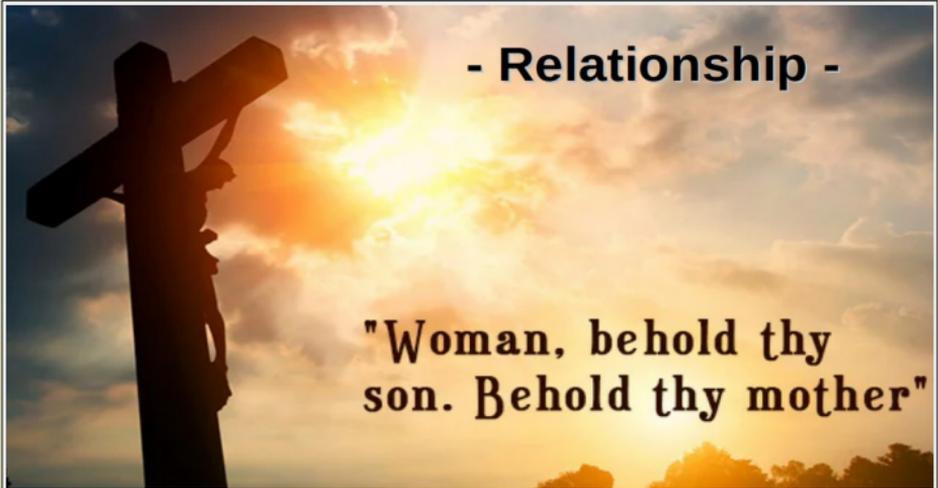
**Luke 23:39** And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.  
**40** But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?  
**41** And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.  
**42** And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.  
**43** And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

And that same salvation that was offered to that man is offered to every sinner today.

**Hebrews 2:9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

**10** For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.





- Relationship -

"Woman, behold thy son. Behold thy mother"

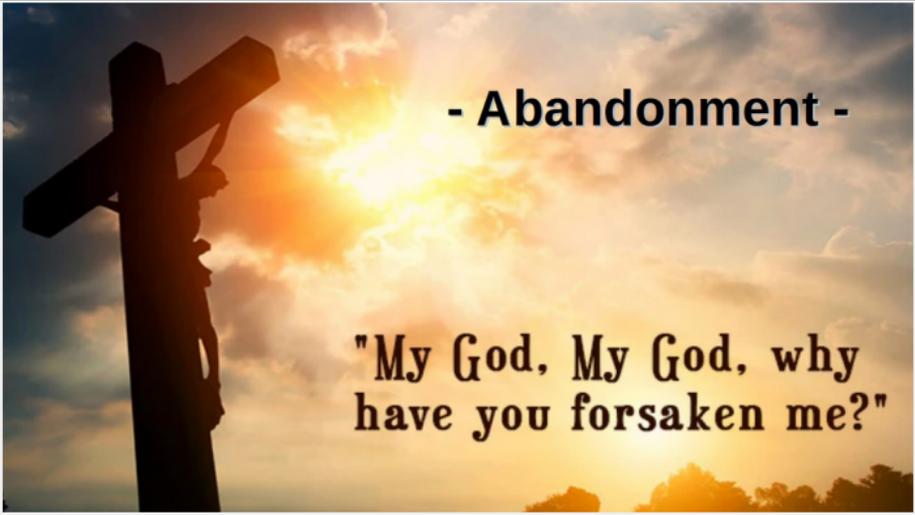
**Relationship:**

The third Statement of our Lord on that tree was one of relationship. He charged his disciple John to look after his mother Mary and for his mother to see John as her son. Early in his ministry Jesus separated the Jewish idea of salvation as belonging to the family of Abraham as physical descendants to a family of faith.

**Matthew 12:49** And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!  
**50** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

As believers we become one family, the family of God. We are adopted into this family by faith... born into it as little babes - born again of His Spirit.

**Romans 8:16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:  
**17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.



- Abandonment -

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

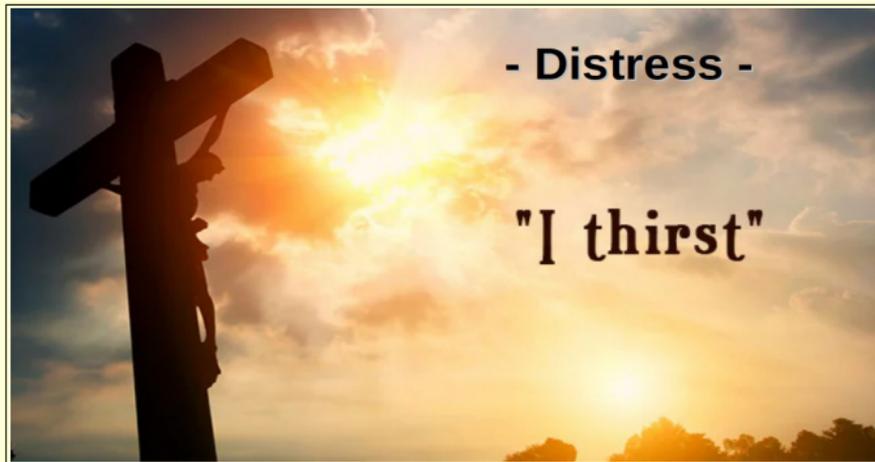
### **Abandonment - *The fourth statement***

**Matthew 27:45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

**46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Jesus suffered on the cross for three hours but towards the very end it was necessary for the sin of the world to be laid upon him. It was at that moment that Christ knew for the first time what sin does in separating the soul from God. Christ became sin for us the Bible says.

It was the weight of our sin on him that finally broke the Savior's heart. He was young yet and strong but his fellowship with the Father had never suffered any loss. They were one but for these precious few moments the Savior felt that separation. God did not forsake him. God has not forsaken anyone but sin brings separation and Christ died to bring us back into fellowship.



- Distress -

"I thirst"

**John 19:28** After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

The scripture that was to be fulfilled is in Psalms 69:21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Jesus is the living water and yet in these moments where our sin was placed on Him he felt what it was like to thirst for the fellowship of the Father as a sinner who was lost, without hope and facing death. He was tempted in all points as we are the Bible tells us but without sin. There is a song, "he could have called ten thousand angels but instead he died for you and me." He could have said it is not worth this suffering but Christ endured to the end. In those moments of separation and loss Christ proved himself sinless and worthy. He relied on the promise of God: Isaiah 41:17 **When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.**



- Triumph -

"It is finished"

**John 19:30** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

What was finished? Christ finished the work that the Father sent him to do. After His resurrection before his ascension he prayed for his followers saying,

**John 17:2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

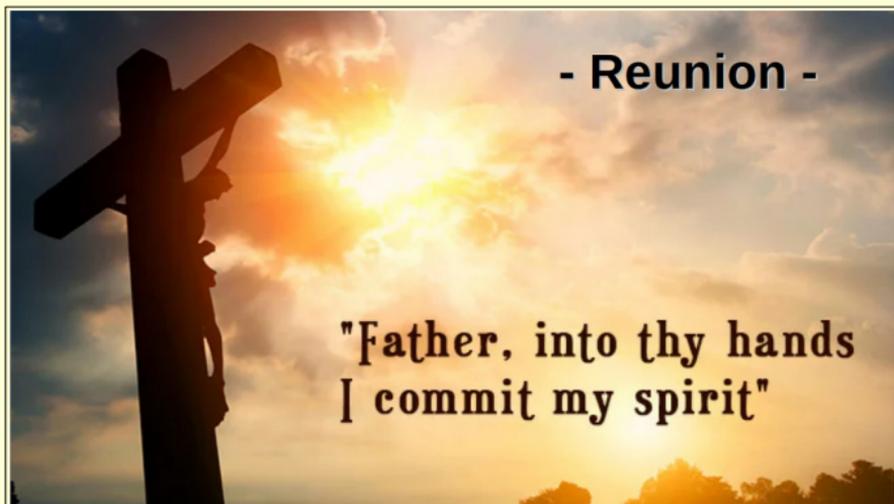
**3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

**Colossians 2:14** Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

**15** And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.



**Luke 23:45** And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

**46** And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

**47** Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

The final statement of our Savior on the cross was to commit his spirit to God the father.

The test was past, the victory was won. Our sin placed on him could not overcome His righteousness but He prevailed.

There is no religion on earth like the true one. No faith like the living one. No God like our God.

**Christ has Prevailed!**

Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.



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