

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ

April 4, 2021

## "Can We Pray Jesus' Prayer?"

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

These words come from Luke's account of the Crucifixion. Is there a more striking prayer in all of Scripture?

Jesus was hanging from a cross of torture and shame when he uttered those words. His ordeal was reserved for the worst of society: for murderers, rapists, and instigators. Yet, he was innocent. He was pure. He was God's righteous Son.

If ever anybody had the right to be scornful, bitter, and unforgiving over an act of injustice, Jesus was the one. He did not deserve crucifixion, but they hung him anyway. In reality, we all had a hand in the matter. Our sins put him on that cross. Our evil deeds, words, and thoughts made the horrible ordeal necessary.

And, yet, as he hung dying on that tree, he prayed to God. Not for vengeance on those who put him there. Not even for a quick end to his suffering. No, he prayed for forgiveness, for the pardon of those who hated him.

Amazing grace does not seem to adequately describe the gesture.

Have you ever been falsely accused of something? I imagine so; most of us have at some point in our lives. Most of the time, false accusations are the result of innocent confusion, and the one bringing the charge soon realizes the folly. Too often, however, the charge is quite insidious and the one bringing the charge is bent on a certain measure of selfish gain. Whatever the cause, to be charged falsely and specially to suffer for it is awful.

Is there a more intense hurt than the pain felt over an accusation made falsely?

It is easy to strike out and battle the one who has brought the charge. It is easy to want vengeance, or rather, justice. It is easy to hate the one who has hated. Yet, what is the example of our Lord? As he hung on that cross, with his false accusers standing about shouting their insults, their curses, and spewing forth their hatred, Jesus prayed to God, *"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."*

Can we join in this prayer? In the face of false accusations, can we share Jesus' prayer? In the face of persecution, can we utter these profound words of grace?

**It is in the name of Christ; we can pray these words.     - Jeff Foster**

# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 2, 2021 at 7:00pm

You are invited to a  
Tenebrae service  
to experience  
a time of communion  
and intense meditation  
as we follow Jesus  
through Scripture  
from the garden  
to the tomb.

Join us at:  
Port Orchard Church of Christ  
4135 Carr Ln SE  
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*The Darkness at the Crucifixion*

*"It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining."*

*- Luke 23:44 -*

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## **Bible Classes** - 9:30 - 10:15am

**Adult Class:** James Greer is teaching a class upstairs in the auditorium.

**Children's Class** will be downstairs in the open fellowship area; not in classrooms. Helpers are needed. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

**Worship** in the auditorium begins at 10:30am

Men are needed to help lead our worship by offering a prayer, leading a communion thought, reading the scripture, or preaching a sermon.

Please contact the office to volunteer. If you would like help to prepare, let us know.

**Children's Church** downstairs: Children will be dismissed after communion.

Helpers are also needed here. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

We think it's important for the children and adults to come together in worship. We will be following all of the protocol necessary to do that safely!

If you have concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to share!

"Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

- Mark 10:14-16

## Gospel of Luke

*Class is canceled this week – April 4, 2021*

### Ten Thousand Angels



#### Verse 1

They bound the hands of Jesus  
In the garden where He prayed  
They led Him thru the streets in shame  
They spat upon the Savior  
So pure and free from sin  
They said crucify Him  
He's to blame

#### Chorus

He could have called ten thousand angels  
To destroy the world and set Him free  
He could have called ten thousand angels  
But He died alone for you and me

#### Verse 2

Upon His precious head  
They placed a crown of thorns  
They laughed and said behold the King  
They struck Him and they cursed Him  
And mocked His holy name  
All alone He suffered ev'rything

#### Verse 3

When they nailed Him to the cross  
His mother stood nearby  
He said woman behold thy Son  
He cried I thirst for water  
But they gave Him none to drink  
Then the sinful work of man was done

#### Verse 4

To the howling mob He yielded  
He did not for mercy cry  
The cross of shame He took alone  
And when He cried it's finished  
He gave Himself to die  
Salvation's wondrous plan was done

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Ray Overholt

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## Our Prayer List


- From Sarah Benjamin: My grandmother passed away and now my grandfather has been diagnosed with blood cancer and is going downhill. These are both my dad's parents, and it's been tough. Both had Covid, which made things harder also.
- René Powless' mother Irene isn't expected to live much longer. She is 92 now and her body is just wearing out (heart, lungs, arteries); also vision loss because of a recent stroke. Pray for her comfort. Also pray for René, who has been with her every weekend for months.
- Continue to pray for the family of Brad Orser's employee who recently died. Also for Brad's office team as they attempt to adjust because of that loss.
- Ryan Meyers; pray for his at-home recovery.
- Continue praying for Tim Colwell.
- Karen Taylor is requesting prayers for her friend, Debbie Nagel for healing both physically and spiritually.
- Ken Avery and Frankie Gower as they await definite dates for surgery. Pray also for their medical staff.
- Pat Woodrow is home now. Pray for her recovery.
- Darlene is still in the hospital waiting to be moved to a nursing home.
- Darrell Fry's brother Norman recovering from a fall.
- Pray for Daniel's continued healing.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.


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 <p>MASK UP. SIX FEET. SMALL GROUPS. It takes all THREE.</p>	<h2>Sunday Worship</h2> <p>There <b>WILL</b> be “in-person” worship on <b>Easter, April 4, 2021</b></p> <p>Watch live stream or after our worship time: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a></p> 
<p><i>Speaker:</i> <b>Bob McDaniel</b></p> <p><i>Communion:</i> <b>Bob McDaniel</b></p>	<p>You may also worship from the Parking Lot: Tune your radio to 93.1 FM You must be in the parking lot to tune in.</p>

## Happy Birthday!

**April:** Jim Snead – 6, Elijah Cormier – 7, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Jarrod Coley – 12, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17, Jasper Smith – 22, Lori Sanders – 28.

**May:** Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Anna Harris – 4, John Bickle – 5, Brandon Delay – 9, Julia Karn – 17, Jason Hooper II – 19, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Gene Gerard – 28, Sarah Hill - 31

### Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments

The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app. The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.

### Warming Center

Changes are coming soon, but clothes are still being collected. Continue to pray for the homeless in our community. God Bless each one. Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead

## Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

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March 28, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,990.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104