Good Friday Meditation 2020

"Can You Drink the Cup?"

INTRODUCTION

PRAYER

OPENING
John 1:1-2, 14a
Hebrews 1:1-3a

SILENCE

THE CHALLENGE

Mark 10:32-38b

THE ENCOUNTER

Isaiah 53:1-3,7-9

MEDITATION

Mark 14:17-24

MEDITATION*

Asterisk indicates that the question and response will occur after these meditations or Scripture readings.

Can you drink the cup I will drink?

Can we drink the cup you will drink?

Mark 14:27-31* Mark 14:32-42

MEDITATION*

Mark 14:43-52

SILENCE

Mark 14:53-65

MEDITATION*

SONG

What Will You Do with Jesus?

by K. Bible

Mark 14:66-72

MEDITATION*

Mark 15:1-20

MEDITATION*

SONG The Trial

by K. Bible

Mark 15:21-24a

SILENCE

Mark 15:24b-32

SILENCE

LITANY

Meditation on the Cross

Please continue to respond at the appropriate time with:

"Can we drink the cup you will drink?"

SILENCE

Mark 15: 33-41

MEDITATION*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

With the Father and the Spirit
Before the foundation of the world
You formed a cosmic plan

So that, if the union between heaven and earth was ever damaged It could be restored

You – the God above all Would become flesh

As we have come apart for a while to gaze on your brokenness We are broken

Because we cannot drink your cup
We will not drink your cup

In these moments, we see how fully you are willing to drink

This is who you are...but you have seemed foolish to us

Despite your invitation, we have left you to drink your cup alone
every time we turn away from the reality of your suffering

Every time we reduce you to a magician who takes away the feelings we fear Every time we have resisted your loyal love

Every time we have been distracted from you by other things

Every time we have ignored you, denied you

Every time we see wisdom and glory only in triumph,
and not in your suffering and death

Every time we refuse to drink your cup

We deny who you are
We afflict you
We dehumanize you...punish you...slaughter you anew

We have caught a glimpse of what we have done and we confess our sin before your broken, desolate face. We long to see its beauty, even in suffering and death.

In your mercy, forgive us

Take heart, O Christ, as we join the Father and the Spirit, beholding you now in
your affliction

And show us, again, what we find with you in your brokenness Renewed and understanding hearts
All these things we pray in your name, Incarnate Word

Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION

Mark 15:40-41

MEDITATION

PAUSE

Friends, brothers, and sisters, just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives as He drank His cup to the dregs, so also through Christ, our comfort overflows . . .

Will you drink the cup Jesus drank?

Will we drink the cup Jesus drank?

SILENCE

The live-streaming will remain on for several minutes for those who wish to stay awhile longer.

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