

Good Friday Meditation 2023

“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 drink?
Can we drink the cup you 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

Meditation on the Cross*

SILENCE—see Image 1

Mark 15: 33-41

SONG *Good Friday*

by G. Adnams

MEDITATION—see Image 2

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Broken Christ

You have become flesh
Made our existence your own to restore us and your whole creation

Though it has led to your affliction, you have willingly taken the cup of your life
Held it...Lifted it...Drunk from it

With amazement and fear, we gaze upon you now in your brokenness
In it, we see the fullness of your desire and the fullness of our being

Seeing this moves us -
We realize we have not been willing to follow your example -
To drink from your cup

And because we have not been willing to drink from your cup,
we have turned our faces from you

We have abandoned you

We have abandoned you because drinking from your cup seems foolish to us
Because we desire ease and triumph, not suffering and death
Because we want a God we can understand,
not a God whose wisdom is beyond us
Because we prefer safe distance rather than the danger of union with you

In doing this we have denied who you are
Dehumanized you
Punished you
Afflicted you

Broken Christ
We stand here before you
Hanging on your cross
Face to shattered face
And confess that in turning from your suffering
In refusing to drink from your cup
We have sinned

In your mercy, hear and forgive us
Draw us to behold you in your suffering
And show us again what we find with you there
The fellowship of the Trinity
And the renewal of our hearts

As we stand with you here, we pray these things in your blessed name
Our dear, broken One

Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION

Mark 15:40-41

MEDITATION

*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

You are welcome to come to the front for closer contemplation

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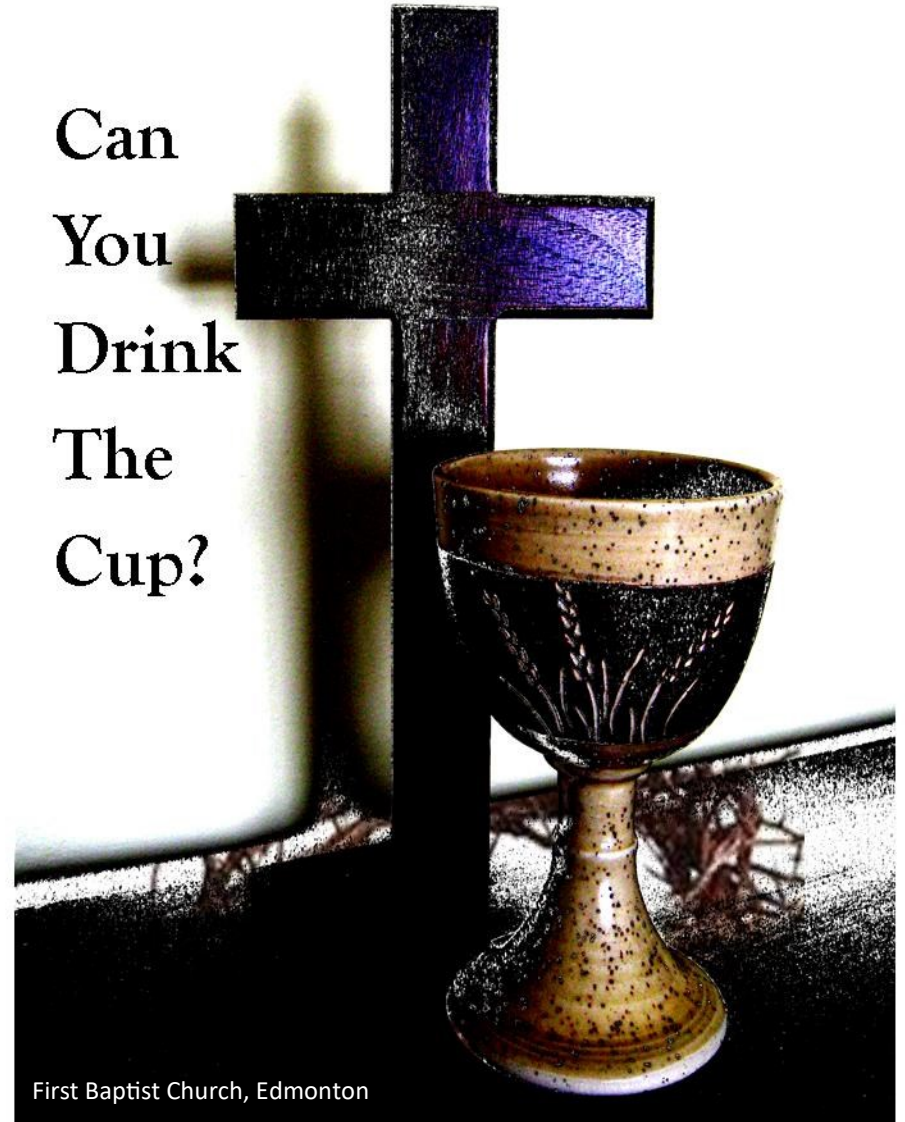
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Image 1
Zinc plate etching
by Barbara Kowalewski

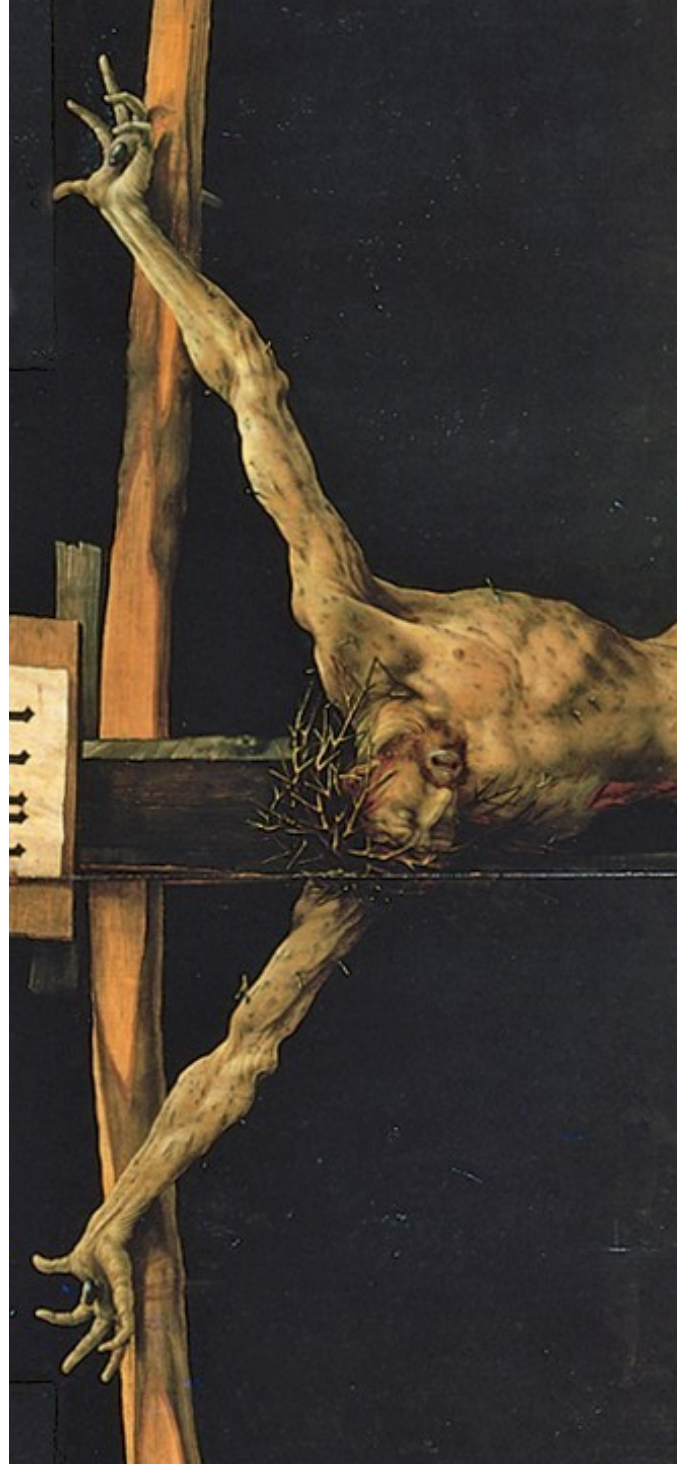


Image 2
The Crucifixion
Matthias Grünewald, 1510-15
Painted during a pandemic