

Good Friday Meditation 2024

"Can You Drink the Cup?"

by K. Bible

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*

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

Can you drink the cup?

Can we drink the cup you drink?

Mark 14:27-31

Mark 14: 32-42

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Mark 14:43-52

SILENCE

Mark 14:53-65

MEDITATION

SONG *What Will You Do with Jesus?*

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Mark 14:66-72

MEDITATION

Mark 15:1-20

MEDITATION*

SONG *The Trial*

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

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 save 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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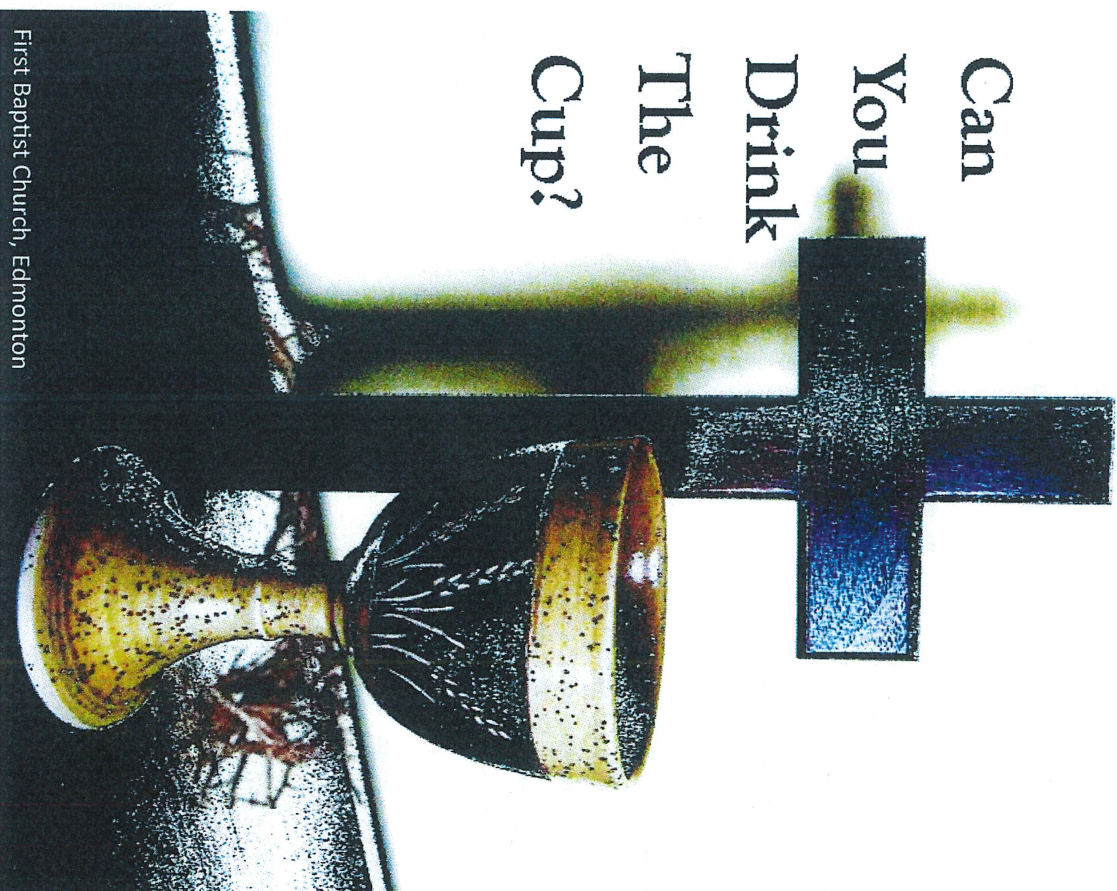
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