

Church of God Big Sandy

Commemoration of the Suffering
and Death of Our Lord

April 11, 2025
7:30 P.M.



Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us
—1 Corinthians 5:7

Sorrow and Happiness

Why do disciples feel sorrow on the night commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord?

Why do disciples feel happiness on the night commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord?

1. We realize that the Son of God suffered and died for each of us. Yes, He suffered and died for humanity. But He died for the person sitting in your chair. On one hand, we feel horrible that our thoughts, actions and habits contributed to His suffering and death. Yet, on the other hand, we feel ecstatic that He willingly chose to be our Passover Sacrifice.

2. Upon further reflection, we remember another important ingredient—three days and three nights following the death of the Son, the Father raised the Son from the tomb. Although the disciples at the Son's death could not fully comprehend what was to occur, disciples in 2025 have the benefit of history.

Reminders

■ NIGHT THE SON OF GOD WAS BETRAYED—Tonight pictures the evening when the Son of God was betrayed—having a meal with His disciples (Luke 22:14–20) and giving them specific symbols (1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

■ DEATH OF THE SON OF GOD—Tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. (Matthew 27:46) pictures the time when Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us (1 Corinthians 5:7).

■ RESURRECTION OF THE SON OF GOD—Many disciples reflect on the events involving His resurrection—counting three days and three nights from His death.

Order of Service

- Welcome and opening prayer Dave Havir
 Vocal solo—"Lament for Jerusalem" Nancy Diraison
 Scriptures to lay a foundation Dave Havir
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 10:1-18, 25-30
 Vocal solo—"I'll Walk With God" Bernice Burson
 Hymn of praise "There Is a Redeemer"
 Hymn of reflection "In Thy Lovingkindness, Lord"
 Song leader Neil McIver
 Pianist Dixon Cartwright
 Reading of John 13:1-17 Garland Harroff
 Dismissal to foot-washing area Dave Havir

 Scriptures about broken bread Jim Bald
 Isaiah 53:1-12
 Matthew 26:36-49
 Video—*The Crucifixion: A Medical Perspective*
 (No gruesome images)
 Prayer about broken bread Jim Bald

 Scriptures about wine Reg Killingley
 Romans 5:6-11
 Revelation 5:1-13
 Vocal solo—"Above All" Paula Hughes
 Prayer about wine Reg Killingley

 Reading of Scriptures
 John 13:31-38 Mike Bailey
 John 14:1-10 Jake Dunnam
 John 15:1-13 Neil McIver
 John 16:16-33 David Coleman
 Vocal solo—"O God Beyond All Praising" Paula Hughes
 John 17 Daniel Hammons

 Hymn of praise "To God Be the Glory"
 Song leader Neil McIver
 Pianist Dixon Cartwright
 Spoken blessings upon the congregation Dave Havir
 Numbers 6:24-26
 Hebrews 13:20-21
 Closing prayer Neil McIver

Matthew 26:26–29

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

Philippians 3:8–10

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

- Fellowship of His sufferings
- Being conformed to His death
- Power of His resurrection