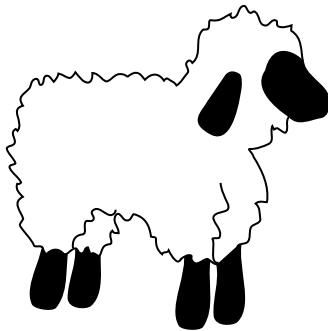


Church of God Big Sandy

Memorial of the Suffering
and Death of Our Lord

April 4, 2023
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 2023 have the benefit of history.

Reminders

■ MEAL AND SYMBOLS—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—Counting three days and three nights from tomorrow night, many disciples reflect on the events involving Christ's resurrection on the evening of Saturday, April 8.

Order of Service

Welcome and opening prayer	Dave Havir
Vocal solo—"The Lord's Prayer"	Bernice Burson
Scriptures leading up to His death	
John 11:44–57	Joe Lingle
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	Reg Killingley
Dismissal to foot-washing area	Dave Havir
Video— <i>The Crucifixion: A Medical Perspective</i>	
(No gruesome images)	
Reading of 2 Corinthians 1:3–10	Morris Foster
Video—"Gethsemane Prayer"	Michael Crawford
Scriptures about broken bread	
Mark 14:27–45, 66–72	Jim Bald
Prayer about broken bread	Jim Bald
Scriptures about wine	
Mark 15:6–39	Stan West
Prayer about wine	Stan West
Hymn of praise	"Hymn of Promise"
Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Reading of Scriptures	
John 13:31–38	Kemmer Pfund
John 14:1–10	Garland Harroff
John 15:1–13	Daniel Hammons
John 16:16–33	David Coleman
John 17	Ron Avey
Hymn of praise	"To God Be the Glory"
Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Video—"Sinner Saved by Grace"	The Gaither Singers
Closing prayer	Dave Havir

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