

## ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Hold us fast, God our Savior,  
as the curtain of night is torn,  
and this dark day approaches.  
Hold us fast, God our Savior,  
as our faith and hope are tested  
and we await the rising sun. Amen.

## ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Holy God,  
enthroned on the praises of your people,  
we cry to you by day  
and call on you by night.  
Do not be far from us,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one else to help. Amen.

## ***Questions for Reflection***

According to John, Jesus' last words on the cross are, "It is finished." The last words of Psalm 22 are "God has done it." What is finished? What has God done? Why do we call this day "Good Friday"? Where is the good news in the story of the cross?

## ***For Your Study and Reflection*** **Good Friday**

### ***Isaiah 50:4-9a***

I gave my back to those who struck me  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting. (v. 6)

### ***Psalm 31:9-16***

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also. (v. 9)

### ***Philippians 2:5-11***

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness. (vv. 5-7a)

### ***Luke 22:14—23:56***

And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him,  
saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the  
Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him,  
coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the  
King of the Jews, save yourself!" (23:35-37)

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