

EASTER SERVICE



DIVINE TAPESTRY

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Our forsakenness is never final
Our justification is sure
Our righteousness is received
Our adoption is permanent



ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME



What caused the separation?

Our sin brought the curse of death upon our relationship with God and the resultant estrangement from God.

He will by no means clear the guilty..." - Exodus 34:7

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. – Heb 9:22

Why can't we deal with our own sin?



The Necessity of the Hypostatic Union for Atonement

Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, is fully God and fully man in one person.

This union of divine and human natures in Christ is not a mixture or dilution of either nature; rather, each nature retains its own properties without confusion, change, division, or separation.

Jesus was fully God, possessing all the attributes and glory of the Divine, He was also fully human, sharing in the weaknesses and experiences of humanity except for sin.



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Marriage: two distinct persons come together in such a deep communion that God pronounces it “one flesh”, yet they remain distinct.

Burning Bush: the burning bush in Ex 3:2-5, where the bush is on fire yet not consumed, symbolizes the union of divinity (fire) and humanity (bush) without destruction



Why do we need atonement?

Atonement involves reconciliation and restoration, which necessitates a mediator who can bridge the infinite gap between God and man

Atonement isn't God being harsh - it's God being **consistently good**.

If God simply *ignored* sin, He would be unjust

atonement literally means "*at-one-ment*." It's about restoring **unity**



The Mediator Must Be Man

For the atonement to be effective, it was necessary for the mediator to be human. As humans were the ones who sinned, justice demands that humans should fulfill the law's requirements. However, every human being is marred by sin, except Jesus.

The Mediator Must Be God

For atonement to be of infinite value to suffice for the sins of all humanity, the mediator also needed to be divine. Only God could bear the full penalty of sin, which is death and separation from God, and only the infinite God could endure such infinite wrath while overcoming it.



Why a cross?

The Cross Reveals the Full Weight of Sin.

The cross symbolized divine rejection and public shame. It wasn't just about death; it was about being cut off, so that Jesus could bear the full penalty of our sin and remove the curse from us

Fulfilled the Old Testament Scriptures

The Bronze Serpent (Numbers 21:9) The people looked up to a serpent lifted up on a pole and were healed.

Jesus said: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up..." (John 3:14)



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The Sacrificial System

All the blood sacrifices pointed forward to the final Lamb of God, but the manner of His death was designed to fulfill the prophecies:

Ps 22:16 “They have pierced my hands and my feet.”

Tola’ah Shani

Ps 22:6 - I am a worm and not a man.



Cross Was Rome’s Tool of Shame

Showed the world’s rejection of God (John 1:10–11)

Revealed the depth of God’s love (Romans 5:8)

Shamed the powers of evil (Colossians 2:15)



What happened on the cross?

1. Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing
(**Luke 23:34**)

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." (**Ps 22:6-8**)

2. Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise. (**Luke 23:43**)

Fully God, able to give salvation and eternal hope.

3. "Woman, behold your son!" ... "Behold your mother!" (**John 19:26-27**) Continue to be our high priest that **able to** sympathize with our weaknesses



What happened on the cross?

4. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? (**Matt 27:46**)

Jesus, in His humanity, experiences complete abandonment and judicial wrath of God as he bore the full alienation caused by sin. It's not a cry of disbelief, but a cry of disorientation, abandonment, isolation, rejection, shun, stranded alone on a cross. (**Ps 22:1**)

5. I thirst. (**John 19:28**) A moment before His death - fulfilling **Ps 69:21**, "they gave me vinegar for my thirst."

6. It is finished. (**John 19:30**) The debt of sin was paid. Wrath satisfied. The moment of propitiation complete.

7. Father, into Your hand I commit my spirit (**Luke 23:46**)

Relationship is restored - He no longer speaks to God as distant, but as Father again



justice kissed mercy,
and love was made visible
on a Roman cross



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Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

‘Take and eat; this is my body.’

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’



LET'S PRAY

