



HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE | "A REFLECTION ON THE CROSS" (HEATHER SORENSEN)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- › Holy and loving God,
as we prepare to set aside our busyness
and to focus intently on Jesus' suffering and death,
we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things
that Jesus' death means for understanding you, your love, and our salvation.
In Jesus' name we pray.
- » **Amen.**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM ISAIAH 53

- › Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- » **Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we account him stricken,
struck down by God and afflicted.**
- › But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
- » **And by his bruises we are healed.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Take a few moments with the people you are gathered with, or on your own, to praise God for his goodness and faithfulness, even in this moment of crisis.

SONG OF PRAISE | "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

D^b *A^{b7}* *D^b*

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your sha - dow for my a - bid - ing place;

B^bm *E^bm* *G^b* *F*

the sha-dow of a might - y rock with - in a wear - y land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

D^b *G^b* *B^b* *E^bm*

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

A^{b7} *D^b* *D^b/A^b* *A^bsus* *A^{b7}* *D^b*

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - dens of the day.
 the ___ won - der of his glor - ious love and ___ my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my ___ sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my ___ glo - ry all, the cross.

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane (1830-1869), P.D.
 Music (ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6): Frederick C. Maker (1844-1927), P.D.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Merciful God,
we meet each other today at the foot of the cross,
as inhabitants of one world.
We wait with each other as those who inflict wounds on one another:
- » **Be merciful to us.**
- › As those who deny justice to others:
- » **Be merciful to us.**
- › As those who put our trust in power:
- » **Be merciful to us.**
- › As those who are greedy:
- » **Be merciful to us.**
- › As those who put others on trial:
- » **Be merciful to us.**
- › As those who refuse to receive:
- » **Be merciful to us.**
- › As those who are afraid of the world's torment:
- » **Be merciful to us. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF ASSURANCE | "OH, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS"

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of your love—
Leading onward, leading homeward, to your glorious rest above.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis heaven of heavens to me.
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—spread his praise from shore to shore.
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore.

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | MARK 15:16-39

¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. ²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ²³Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁷They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰come down from the cross and save yourself!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! ³²Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³³At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

› This is the word of the Lord.

» **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION | COREY WIDMER

MEDITATION SONG | "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED"

As you listen to the hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," contemplate the images on the screen, depictions of the seven last words of Christ by artist Scott Erickson. Invite the Holy Spirit to deepen your awareness of the love of God for you, made visible in the suffering of Jesus. "By his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

RESPONDING

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THANKSGIVING

CLOSING SONG | "PSALM 126 (ALTHOUGH WE ARE WEEPING)"

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of your kingdom for the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

BENEDICTION