

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10, 2020

SERVICE GUIDE

Welcome and Call to Worship

O Christ, who forsook no one
but was forsaken by the closest of friends,
and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal's death,
we enter your presence in awe and adoration.

On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life,
but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born.
You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as yourself,
and when that love required you to shoulder a cross,
you summoned the strength to bear it.
We thank you for the outpouring of your love.
Today, teach us the cross's meaning once again. Amen

(adapted from worship sourcebook)

God's Greeting

Lighting of the Candle

Song: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Kids' Moment

Hold Me Jesus

Scripture Reading:

Mark 15:16-20; 21-32; 33-41; 42-47

Song: *Were you there?*

Good Friday Lament

Song: *Wait for the Lord*

Sermon: *Were you there when Christ suffered and died?*

Song: *What wondrous love is this?*

Confession and Assurance

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy

forgive what we have been,
help us to heal what we are,
and direct what we shall be.
Amen.

Hear the good news of the gospel:
In Christ, you are forgiven; you are loved; you are welcomed.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
Amen.

Communion

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We give you thanks
O Christ who cried, was abandoned, wounded and pierced.
Thank you, Suffering Servant, for bearing our griefs, carrying our sorrow.
You were wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities.
Through your wounds we are healed and made whole.

Thank you for the power of the life-giving cross
Which reveals God's everlasting "no" to evil and death
And for the solidarity of Christ crucified.
You, Risen Christ, are our Great High Priest,
our Advocate in Heaven who pleads our cause.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Christ, we welcome you. Your broken body speaks to us of your vulnerable and tender love. Through your brokenness you bring healing. So as you have welcomed us in our brokenness, may we welcome others in theirs.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Christ, we welcome you. Your cup speaks a better word than the violence and pay back mentality of our world. Through saying no to aggression, you have brought peace. As you have forgiven us, may we forgive others.

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

Take, eat and drink, remember and believe: the body and blood of Christ torn and poured out for the complete forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our world.

Let us proclaim the Great mystery of faith together:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.
Amen.

Blessing

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

Song: *The Power of the Cross*