

Good Friday Worship Guide

March 29, 2024 7:00pm

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

“Stay with Me” ELW 348

Stay with me,
remain here with me,
watch and pray.
Watch and pray.

[Sing 6 Times]

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Hebrews 10:16-25

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “Restore in Us, O God” ELW 328 v2

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.

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The Passion According to Saint John 18:1

“A Lenten Lesson” - Trinity Choir

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The Passion According to Saint John 18:2–3, 4–12

“Ah, Holy Jesus” ELW 349, vs. 1

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

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The Passion According to Saint John 18:13–27

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” ELW 347, vs. 1

Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

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The Passion According to Saint John 18:28–19:5

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” ELW 347, vs. 2

Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

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The Passion According to Saint John 19:6–22

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ELW 338, vs. 2

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

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The Passion According to Saint John 19:23–25, 26–30

“My Dying Lord” – Trinity Choir

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The Passion According to Saint John 19:31–37, 38–42

“Were You There” ELW 353, vs. 5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Silence for Reflection

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” ELW 351

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
- 4 Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

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Bidding Prayer

After each petition

L: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen**

Placement of the Cross

L: Behold the life giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

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L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All depart in silence.

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