

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 P.M. Noon

Friday, April 14, 2017



Leader: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy & Almighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Leader: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me; naked and you did not clothe me; sick and in prison and you did not visit me; and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

ALL: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and Almighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us. Amen.

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE John 19:38-42

READING “No Dances”

***HYMN 102** (vs. 3-4) *Were You There?* Were You There

Depart silently into the quietness of this day and await the darkness ahead.

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Good Friday is the day when Christians commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

This is an important event in Christianity as it represents the sacrifices and suffering in Jesus' life. The crucifixion was the culmination of a number of events in Holy Week, including: the triumphal return of Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus and the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Worshippers are invited to prepare for worship with reflection and prayer.

PRELUDE Where the Black Birds Gather Jeanne Cotter

READING “Friday” Rev. Paul Phillips
 From Kneeling in Jerusalem by Ann Weems

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Mark A. Medina

L: In trouble and terror we gather
P: to call on the name of the Lord.
L: Let us hold fast to our hope,
ALL: for the Lord our God is faithful.
Let us worship God.

***HYMN 102** (vs. 1-3) *Were You There?* Were You There?

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SINS

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We despise and reject your servant, like a lamb led to the slaughter. We betray and deny our Lord, the one you sent to save us. Forgive us, God of grace. Even in this hour of anguish show us the light of your salvation and lead us to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. From the depths of our souls, O God, we lift up our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE John 18:38-19:16a

***HYMN 98** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Passion

MEDITATION “Through the Darkness” Rev. Mark Medina

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE John 19:16b-30

READING “It is Finished”

LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Leader: O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,

People: We worship you.

Leader: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven, burning flame of love,

People: We worship you.

Leader: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of all faithfulness.

People: We worship you.

Leader: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwell all the fullness of the Godhead,

People: We worship you.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God.

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world, Grant us peace O Lord.

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

DISTANT SOUNDS FROM GOLGOTHA

***HYMN 101** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Hamburg

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE John 19:31-37

SOLEMN REPROACHES TO THE CROSS

Leader: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and Almighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Leader: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy and almighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.