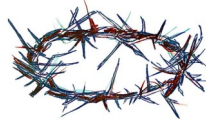


GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE — A SERVICE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS



Silence

Handbell Hymns- *"Lenten Medley"*

Prayer of the Day

Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Homily

Hymn - *"Jesus I Will Ponder Now"*

Passion Reading John 18:1-11

First candle is extinguished

Hymn - *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

Passion Reading John 18:12-27

Second candle is extinguished

Hymn - *"They Crucified My Lord"*

Passion Reading John 18:28-40

Third candle is extinguished

Hymn - *"Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"*

Passion Reading John 19:1-16a

Fourth candle is extinguished

Hymn - *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Passion Reading John 19:16b-22

Fifth candle is extinguished

Hymn - *"Were You There"*

Passion Reading John 19:23-25a

Sixth candle is extinguished

Hymn - *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Passion Reading John 19:25b-30

Seventh candle is extinguished

Hymn - *"Glory Be to Jesus"*

Passion Reading John 19: 31-42

Silence

Bidding Prayer

Each prayer ends...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer in silence

Behold the life-giving cross, on which
was hung the Savior of | the whole world.

Oh, come, let us | worship him.

The service concludes in silence.

Serving in Worship

Pr. Jenn Collins

Pr. Justin Smoot

Cheryl Allen - Prayer Reader

Paul Nelson - Prayer Reader

Diane Goetsch - Handbells and Vocalist

Jenna Diedrich, Joel Freiberg, Jim Hahn, Lucy Harvey, Herb Heyne, Chris Kensmoe,

Abby Schilling, Eleanor and Ryan Schwantes, Tina Spiegel and Michelle Tlusty - Vocalists



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APRIL 1-3, 2021
MAUNDY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY



All of us have strayed from Jesus.

HOLY WEEK BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Holy Week observance.

Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The crucifixion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31	Prayer for deliverance

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR HOLY WEEK

They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." John 19:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Holy Week:

Holy God, help us to recognize that we need Jesus as Savior and Lord, who died on the cross for the sins of the world. Open our hearts to this great love for us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:


Dear God, during this Holy Week, just as we receive this gift of food with thanksgiving, give us hearts that are open to your goodness and mercy, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus Christ surround you with love that you may love one another. (John 13:34)



APRIL 1-3, 2021

HYMN FOR HOLY WEEK 
They Crucified My Lord



HOLY WEEK MILESTONES 

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or talk about a time you did something that hurt another person.
- Why is it easy at times to blame others instead of accepting our own mistakes?
- What is it in your life that needs the power of Jesus' love and forgiveness?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 18:1–19:42.

Those who are prejudice against Judaism, have used the crucifixion story to accuse Jews of killing Jesus. However, Jesus and his followers were also Jews. The Jews spoken of specifically in John are religious leaders, people with a religious voice defending God against Jesus' claim to be the Son of God. Jesus is alone and on trial as Peter is in the courtyard of the high priest. Peter is also on trial by denying his Lord. In a parallel fashion, the religious leaders in their zeal to oppose Jesus blaspheme: *"We have no king but the emperor"* (19:15). Hatred, fear, religious zeal, protection of the people from the violence of oppressors (the Romans, in Jesus' day), all lead "the religious," the Jews, to denounce Jesus and their own heritage that would never in a calmer moment proclaim the emperor of Rome as their one and true king. Through our continuing fear and hate, like the Jews in John, all people throughout history are just as guilty as the people who were there. Apart from Jesus, no one is righteous. Jesus stands alone as the Savior and righteous one. In what ways do we still join the Jews in the Gospel of John and say, "Crucify him"?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, we misjudge people and avoid opportunities to love those who are different from us. We ask forgiveness through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus washed his followers' feet to symbolize how he would serve them and cleanse them through his death on the cross. In what ways do you follow the example of Jesus to serve others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Liturgy from Thursday to Saturday turns somber and reflective after singing *Glory to God in the Highest* on Maundy Thursday. Joyous church bells are silenced. In European countries it is a tradition to have noisy processions using rattles and drums as a way to focus on the change of mood. During these three days, pray and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. Make noise by using a drum, rattle, or thumping fingers on a table as a reminder of this solemn time.

