

OPENING SONG

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

**Leader: Crucified savior, naked God,
You hang disgraced and powerless.
Grieving, we dare to hope,
As we wait at the cross
With your mother and your friend.**

People: Amen.

Leader: The Angels of God guard us through the night.

People: and quieten the powers of darkness.

Leader: The Spirit of God be our guide

People: To lead us to peace and to glory.

**Leader: It is but lost labor that we haste to rise up early,
and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.**

For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Silence

Leader: My sisters and brothers, our help is in the name of the eternal God,

People: who is making the heavens and the earth.

**Leader: Dear God,
thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and for our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.
O thou, most holy and beloved,
my Companion, my Guide upon the way,
my bright evening star.**

We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

Leader: We have wounded your love.

People: O God, heal us.

Leader: We stumble in the darkness.

People: Light of the world transfigure us.

Leader: We forget that we are your home.

People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

**Leader: Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.
Living flame burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**

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Invocation

Leader: Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,

People: that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Leader: Let us worship the God of love.

People: Amen, Amen.

Psalm 40(Rendered by Rev. Christine Robinson)

**Leader: I have trusted You, Holy One
and waited for You.**

People: When I was mired in misery
you touched me with your spirit.

You pulled me out
and set me on solid ground.

You put a song in my heart and work in my hands.
I praise you.

**Leader: I know what you want from me,
and where the meaning of my life lies—**

**Not in rituals, offerings, sacrifices, or creeds,
just my heart; open to others, and open to You.**

People: I try and live that way.

I fail often but you nudge and beckon and I follow.
I pray that my words, my song, my life
show forth your light and light others' way.

Leader: May all who seek you find you.

Touch us with your spirit, that we may be glad.

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Then Pilate handed him over...to be crucified.

So the Roman soldiers took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There the Roman soldiers crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the local authorities and police read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the (Temple) said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Leader: A Prayer for Good Friday

**Gracious and eternal God, look with mercy on this your family
for which our Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
into the hands of his adversaries and to suffer death upon the cross;
and grant us to rejoice in the benefits of his passion;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.**

People: Amen

Leader: Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,

People: For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Leader: Keep me, O God, as the apple of Your eye;

People: hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The following antiphon is said together, before the Song of Simeon

People: Preserve us, O God, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in your peace.

Song of Simeon

People: Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.
At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared for all nations
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now, and forever.
Amen.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

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Leader: Lord have mercy.

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT

People: Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Mother and Father of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader invites the people to offer their own prayers in the chat box or silently at home

The leader and people pray responsively.

Leader: I will lie down in peace and take my rest,

People: for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Leader: Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,

People: let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

Leader: May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,

People: glorified and exalted above all for ever.

The leader selects and starts one of the following prayers, the people joining on the second line. The service concluding with the leader saying the Sentence of the Day and the people joining in the closing song (We Remember). We then will leave in silence.

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Leader: Jesus the Christ,

People: crucified for us,

we kneel at the foot of your cross to watch with you.

Help us to see the cost of our forgiveness

so that we may be made new through your love;

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Or

Leader: May the Crucified Christ

People: shatter our brittle fear, draw all people to his glory

And make us servants living for the world You created. Amen

Or

Leader: Our Savior, hanging on the Cross

People: with arms extended to embrace the world,

Shatter our brittle fear, draw us into your love,

And make us servants living for the world you love.

Amen.

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CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Leader: O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I redeemed you from the house of bondage that you may know the saving works of God.

Closing Song: We Remember

We remember how you loved us to your death
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you when you come
to your glory, Lord.

We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Leader: Let us Bless the Lord

People: Amen. Amen.

To all attending: On this night only, we leave in silence.