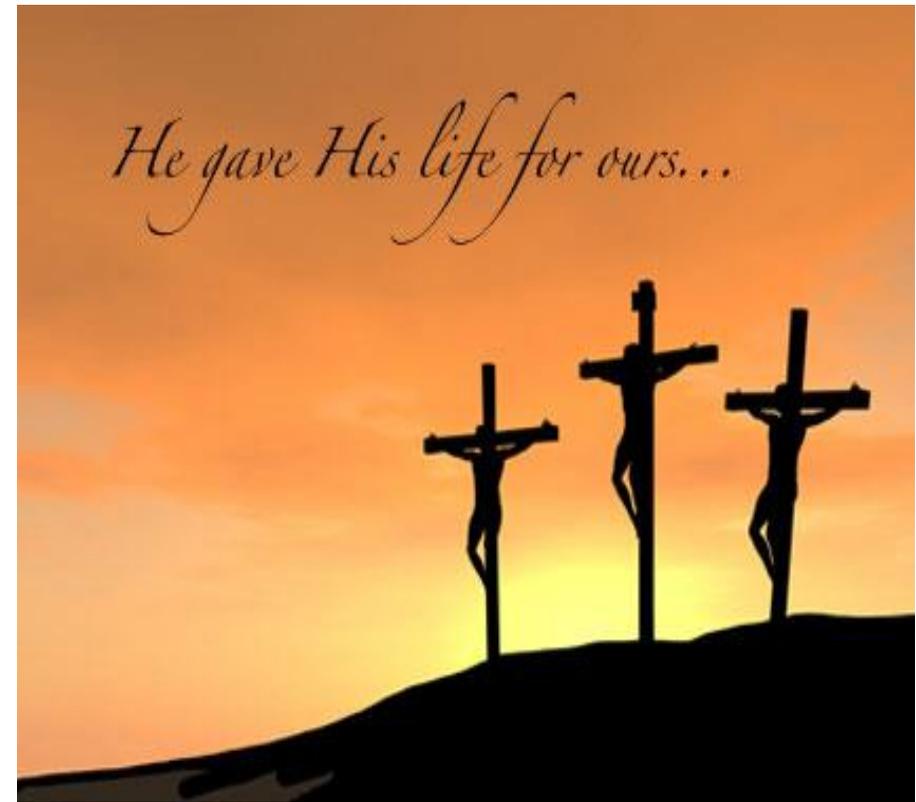


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*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2014

7:30 PM Worship

Please prepare your hearts for worship using the Scripture for reflection.

Jesus said, "Stay here and keep watch with me... Are you asleep?
Couldn't you keep watch with me for one hour?
Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Mark 14

*HYMN No. 85 “What Wondrous Love Is This” (stanza 1)

*Unison Prayer of Adoration

**Send your Spirit to journey with us, O holy God, as we follow you on your way to the cross.
Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than on ourselves.
Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts,
that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond
to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.**

*HYMN No. 97 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (stanza 1)

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:26-42 Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial, The Garden of Gethsemane

UNISON PRAYER

**God of patient grace, give us the strength to walk with you
as you walk out to meet your accusers.
Keep our steps in unison with yours on your journey to the the cross.
Allow us to remember fully the price that was paid for our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:43-52 Jesus Arrested

HYMN No. 93 “Ah Holy Jesus” (stanza 1)

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:53-72 Jesus Before the Sanhedrin; Peter Denies Jesus

HYMN No. 93 “Ah Holy Jesus” (stanza 2)

SCRIPTURE Mark 15:1-20 Jesus Before Pilate

Please join in the narrative by speaking the words in bold together.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him,

“Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

“**Release Barrabas!**” the crowd shouted.

“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

“**Crucify him!**”

“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder,

“**Crucify him!**”

ANTHEM “Lamb of God” Chancel Choir

UNISON PRAYER

**We despised him and rejected him—a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief.
We turned our backs on him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised,
and we didn’t care. Yet it was *our* grief he bore, *our* sorrows that weighed him down.
Lord, have mercy on us. We thought his troubles were a punishment from God, for
his *own* sins! But he was wounded and bruised for *our* sins. He was beaten that we might
have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! Christ, have mercy. *We*—every one of
us—have strayed away like sheep! *We*, who left God’s paths to follow our own ways.
Yet God laid on *him* the guilt and sins of us all! Therefore, I will give him the honor due
one who is mighty and great because he has poured out his soul unto death. He was
counted as a sinner, and he bore the sins of many, and he pled with God for sinners.
Lord, have mercy. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.**

HYMN No. 98 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

SCRIPTURE Mark 15:21-39 Crucifixion, Death of Jesus

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE Mark 15:40-47 Burial

HYMN No. 85 “What Wondrous Love Is This” (stanza 1)

SILENT PRAYER

*Please remain seated for silent prayer. The lights will be raised after a period of time,
which will be your indication that the service has ended. Please depart in silence.*