

Good Friday

Opening Responses

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into this world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

People: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Leader: For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

People: Every one that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.

Leader: Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

Songs of Praise and Remembrance

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:
Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
All together worthy,
All together wonderful to me

King of all days
oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(2x)

Chorus

Where You There

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when He hung His head and died?
Were you there when He hung His head and died?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He hung His head and died?

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?

Selected Readings from Luke 18-19

Leader: As we journey with Christ towards the cross, we enter into an experience of darkness: The darkness of sin, of injustice, and sacrifice.

- come and mourn with me awhile; and tarry here the cross beside;
- come, together let us mourn; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

First Reading of the Passion

Reader One: After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

The first candle is extinguished in silence.

Second Reading of the Passion

Reader Two: First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. 14 Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. 15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the

woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. 17 The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

The second candle is extinguished in silence.

Third Reading of the Passion

Reader Three: Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here. After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. 39 But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 40 They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

The third candle is extinguished in silence.

Fourth Reading of the Passion

Reader Four: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. 3 They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" 6 When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

The fourth candle is extinguished in silence.

Fifth Reading of the Passion

Reader Five: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they 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 they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

The fifth candle is extinguished in silence.

Sixth Reading of the Passion

Reader Six: When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. 28 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." 29 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. 30 When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The sixth candle is extinguished in silence.

Seventh Reading of the Passion

Reader Seven: Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. 35 (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) 36 These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." 37 And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

The seventh candle is extinguished in silence.

Eighth Reading of the Passion

Reader Eight: They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 42 And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The eighth candle is extinguished in silence.

Carlos & Lisa share through music

The Sharing of Testimonies

What does the cross

The Ordinance of Humility

John 13

The Sharing of Communion:

Matthew 26

Closing Song: Old Rugged Cross

The Old Rugged Cross

Verse one:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

Verse two:

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

Chorus:

Verse three:

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.

Chorus:

Agape Feast Stations

Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever ^[a] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. *(Today's New International Version)*

Consider the following questions: How's the fruit of your spirit? Is it shriveled and dry, leaving those who partake of it with a bad taste in their mouths? Or is it ripe and fulfilling, satisfying everyone you share it with? Take a moment to touch the different fruit in the bowl while asking God to help you examine the fruit in your life. Talk to Him about what He reveals. Ask Him to make the fruit of the Spirit more prevalent in your life.

Shred Your Sins

Psalms 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Amplified Bible)

Take the clipboard, and write down some of the sins you struggle with. Pray over these sins, then give them to Jesus, the ultimate sin shredder.

Symbolically shred your list in the paper shredder as confirmation that Jesus has completely forgiven you; and that your sins are gone.