
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP GUIDE

ROMANS 5:6-11

Order of Worship:

- Welcome
- Congregational scripture reading
- Opening worship
- Good Friday message
- Congregational response prayer reading
- Communion
- Closing worship

Congregational Scripture Reading: Mark 15:16-39

Presider – And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Congregation – And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross

Presider – And they brought him to the place called Golgatha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him

Congregation – And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two-robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

Presider – So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also relived him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Congregation – And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

Presider – And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Congregational Response Prayer Reading: 'The Precious Blood (from the Valley of Vision)

Blessed Lord Jesus,

Before thy cross I kneel and see
The heinousness of my sin
My iniquity that caused thee to be 'made a curse'
The evil that excites the severity of divine wrath

Show me the enormity of my guilt by
The crown of thorns,
The pierced hands and feet
The bruised body
Thy dying cries

Thy blood is the blood of incarnate god
Its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought

Infinite must be the evil and guilt that demands such a price

Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper
Born in my birth
Alive in my life
Strong in my character
Dominating my faculties
Following me as a shadow
Intermingling with my every thought
My chain that holds me captive in the empire of my soul

Sinner that I am, why should the sun give me light
The air supply breath
The earth bear my tread
Its fruits nourish me
Its creatures subserve my ends?

Yet thy compassions yearn over me
Thy heart hastens to my rescue
Thy love endured my curse
Thy mercy bore my deserved stripes

Let me walk humbly in the lowest depths of humiliation
Bathed in thy blood
Tender of conscience
Triumphing gloriously as an heir of salvation