

WORSHIP FOR GOOD FRIDAY

If you are unable to join us for live-stream worship, you may want to use this order of worship at home!
April 10, 2020

GATHER & PREPARE

After supper, you may want to clear the table and arrange these items around the Christ candle you used for Maundy Thursday:

- *4 votive candles or other candles you may have on hand*
- *a small dish with a teaspoon of olive oil or other vegetable oil. You may add a few drops of an essential oil if you have it. Myrrh is the traditional fragrance used.*
- *a damp washcloth in a dish, to wipe excess oil from your fingertip*
- *a Bible*

The readings for this service are long. You may want to break them up into smaller chunks for children, and let them ask questions or talk about each passage.

Light all the candles, starting with the Christ candle.

Call to Worship from Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws. They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

After each reading, extinguish one small candle and pause in silence before continuing to the next reading.

John 18:1-18 • John 18:19-27 • John 18:28-19:18 • John 19:19-37

Read John 19:38-42 *Wait in silence.*

Dip a finger lightly into oil, and make the sign of the cross on the back of your hand. If you have used scented oil, allow the aroma to remind you of the spices that were used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. Use the cloth to wipe oil from your fingertip.

Clear the table of everything but the Christ candle.

Extinguish the Christ candle.

Sing one stanza of "Were You There"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O – sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Encourage silence for the rest of the evening.