

Good Friday Worship
March 30, 2018

Silence

L: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again!

Song "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #347

Call to Worship

L: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3: 16)

C: We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

L: We have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

C: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
(Hebrews 4: 14-16)

Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" #349 (vs. 1)

Litany of Confession

L: Dear God, this day is filled with darkness and mourning, but we need to remember. Help us to remember.

C: We need to remember we are your creation and we are created in your image as reflections of your love.

L: We remember yesterday and we are sorry because we have failed in love and friendship. We have tried so hard but we have failed so miserably.

C: On this day of darkness, may your presence remove our sorrow and fill us with a new sense of purpose and fulfillment. Amen.

Declaration of God's Pardon

L: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, **God's son, who died for our sin that we might have new life.** The distance between God and us has been brought together by love made perfect in the **sacrifice of Jesus.** To those who believe God's word of truth comes the power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love.

C: Amen

Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12

Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" #349 (vs. 2)

John 19: 16b-30

Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" #349 (vs. 3)

John 19: 31-42

Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" #349 (vs. 4)

Prayer

Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" #349 (vs. 5)

Reflections on the Story of Christ's Passion and Love

"When the Cheering Stopped"

Silent Prayer/Meditation

Good Friday Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Song "The Old Rugged Cross"

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. *(Refrain)*

*Refrain: 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 someday for a crown.*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. *(Refrain)*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
it's shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day, to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. *(Refrain)*

The Announcement...