



WORSHIP AT HOME

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

Click for a [Spotify playlist](#) or a [YouTube playlist](#) of the songs included in this Worship Order.

Call to Worship

Begin in prayer

Almighty God, we pray to you to behold graciously each person gathered, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; Jesus who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Word of God

Read the story of Jesus' crucifixion together from the Gospel According to John, 18:1-19:37 (*for little listeners, consider starting at 19:1; when you get to 19:17, have everyone stand up*).

Sing Together

Sing (or listen to) "Murdered Son" by John Mark McMillan.

This song will jar you – that's okay. Pay attention to the sense of dissonance you feel while listening.

Prepare For Worship

Set the tone of your gathering—invite everyone to gather silently while you play the song "O Vos Omnes" by Tomás Luis de Victoria. This song is a choral setting of the Latin text of Lamentations 1:12, which we'll study later in the Reflection section.

Prepare to take Communion with bread (preferably the unleavened bread you made earlier in the week) on a plate and grape juice or red wine in a glass for each individual.

Good Friday Teaching

Play the Good Friday [teaching video](#).

Reflect and Pray

Pray for the needs of the church and the community. Consider using this traditional prayer to guide your specific prayers.

Leader: Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all leaders and other ministers

and the people whom they serve

For our pastors, Jeff, Joey, Nathan, Tom; and all the people of our church

For all the Christians in our city

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

Prayer continues...

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown
How pale thou art with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
T'was all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain
Lo, here I fall, my Savior
'Tis I deserve Thy place
Look on me with Thy favor
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend
For this Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end
O make me Thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love for Thee

For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of
his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and
obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have
compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son
Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those
who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring
home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock
under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your
whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual
working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let
the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being
raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that
all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all
things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sing Together

Sing (or listen to a recording of) the following songs:

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Jesus Paid It All
Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
What Wondrous Love Is This?

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

O Praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
My lips shall still repeat
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me

Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of your love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to thee

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he loves us, ever loves us,
Changes never, nevermore

What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
That caused the Lord of bliss,
To bear the dreadful curse,
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath
God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside his crown,
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing!
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.

Communion [Optional]

If you are comfortable leading your gathering in communion, use the following order.

Prayer of Confession

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. His mercy endures forever!

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.

Lead your gathering in individual confession of sin; give space and time for individuals to reflect on their sin and sinfulness and confess to God. Close the time of individual confession with a prayer such as the one to the right.

The Elements

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Break the bread and pass it out to your gathering.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Eat the bread.

Prayer for Individual Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Drink the juice or wine.

Pray

Almighty and Ever-living God,
we thank you for reminding us the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these symbols of bread and cup
that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your
eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Sing Together

Sing (or listen to a recording of) the hymn:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Close in Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray that you would set your passion, cross, and death between God's judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; rest to the dead; peace and harmony to your holy Church; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all