

WORSHIP @ HOME



DAILY WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK HOLY SATURDAY



Preparing for worship:

Christian meditation music <http://www.viewpure.com/fOB73qRVGJs?start=0&end=0>

Take a few moments to be still.

The Greeting:

ALL: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN'.

Our tradition is to cross ourselves as this is said.

Opening prayer (No candles are lit.):

Lord God, we come to worship,
and to be reminded of our Saviour's passion;
by the power of your Spirit,
help us to enter fully into the journey of Holy Week, that we may be prepared once again
for the celebration that is Easter Day.

We ask in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

Father God, help us to put you first every day and in every situation so the light from our flame grows tall, sending out more light to others.

ALL: Amen

Bible Reading:

A reading from Mark Chapter 15 verses 42-47

The Burial of Jesus

It was toward evening when Joseph of Arimathea arrived. He was a respected member of the Council, who was waiting for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It was Preparation day (that is, the day before the Sabbath), so Joseph went boldly into the presence of Pilate and asked him for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead. He called the army officer and asked him if Jesus had been dead a long time. After hearing the officer's report, Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Joseph bought a linen sheet, took the body down, wrapped it in the sheet, and placed it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid rock. Then he rolled a large stone across the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching and saw where the body of Jesus was placed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A message:

Jesus had died. The One who spoke the earth into existence was silent. Mary and Jesus' mother were watching. The body of Jesus was dressed in grave cloths, then placed in a garden tomb which was closed with a great stone to seal the entrance.

Jesus had told his followers his body was a temple that would be destroyed, but would rise again. Perhaps Jesus' words and promise rolled around in their heads as they watch Joseph (a disciple who was burying him), roll the stone in front of the tomb.

We wait now in the silence and darkness. Waiting is so hard. The voice of life and love was silence, but not for long. Remember, nothing can silence God.

A time for reflection:

Consider the time between Jesus' burial and His resurrection. How must it have felt? It must have felt like all of Creation was holding its breath – waiting, wondering, hoping ...

Listen to and/or sing 'My song is Love Unknown':
<http://www.viewpure.com/lv7OZSoA22w?ref=search>

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Closing prayer:

Jesus, we are so sorry for how little we gave - a borrowed trough, a borrowed ass and now a borrowed grave.

ALL: Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, now and evermore. Amen.

To finish, keep a minute or two of silence. Rest in the Lords presence. **At the end, allow those who wish to stay a little longer to do so.**

