



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We Gather In Prayer

“Were You There”

Welcome

Call to Worship

P: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering. Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

C: But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

P: From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

C: God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

P: 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.

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

Forgiveness *(based on John 19:17-30)*

P: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all children 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 ourselves 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. Amen.

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW #803 vs 1&3

- 1 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.

- 3 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?

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Prayer of the Day

C: Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

The First Word:

Luke 23:34

“Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Reflection

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Silence

Prayer: Most blessed Jesus, through your suffering, you paid for our sins. Grant us a tender spirit toward sinners, and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Teach us to confess our own sin and to seek reconciliation with those whom we have sinned against.

The Second Word:

Luke 23:43

“Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise”

Reflection

Silence

Hymn

“In Deepest Night”

ELW #699

- 1 In deepest night, in darkest days,
when harps are hung, no songs we raise,
when silence must suffice as praise,
yet sounding in us quietly
there is the song of God.
- 2 When friend was lost, when love deceived,
dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;
so with us in our grief God grieves,
and round about us mournfully
there are the tears of God.
- 3 When through the waters winds our path,
around us pain, around us death:
deep calls to deep, a saving breath,
and found beside us faithfully
there is the love of God.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

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Prayer: O blessed Lord Jesus, you bitterly suffered alone on the cross and experienced the anguish of separation. We ask that you be with us in times of despair and loneliness, and transform our sadness into fellowship with you. We pray also for our sisters and brothers throughout the world who experience alienation, oppression and aloneness. Comfort and support them with your presence, and bring them to a place of rest in you. Amen.

The Fifth Word:

“I thirst.”

John 19:28

Reflection

Silence

Prayer: Jesus, you thirsted and experienced pain for us. Kindle in our hearts thirst for you that we may love and serve you. Remember O Lord, all the sick and dying and deliver them from pain. Help us to find rest in you. Amen.

The Sixth Word: "It is finished." John 19:30

Reflection

Silence

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" ELW #349 vs 1&5

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

- 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Prayer: O most blessed Savior, you proclaimed the perfect fulfillment of your work and bowed your wounded head in completion. Grant us the grace of your salvation and help us to live in union with you. Let the good works you have begun in us, continue throughout our days that we might be full of your love and compassion. Amen.

The Seventh Word: "Father into thy hands I commit my spirit!" Luke 23:46

Reflection

Silence

Prayer: God, into whose hands your Son, Jesus Christ commended his spirit, grant that we too, following his example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into your faithful hands of love. Amen.

Sending

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Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m.

"Heartbreak, Hope and Hallelujahs"

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