



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #335, vs. 1,2

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. Refrain

GOOD FRIDAY BIDDING PRAYER

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for *Elizabeth and Contstanze*, our bishops, Siri our pastor, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

REFLECTION ON THE CROSS

Hymn #338 (1) *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. Oh, come, let us worship him.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Hymn #338 (3) *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

3 I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26: 20-25 Silence and extinguishing the 1st candle

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus* #349, vs.1,2

The Shadow of Inner Agony Luke 22: 39-44 Silence and extinguishing the 2nd candle

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus* #349, vs.4,5

The Shadow of Loneliness Matthew 26:40-45 Silence and extinguishing the 3rd candle

Special Music *My Jesus Is Weeping* Celebrant Choir

The Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26: 47-50, 55-56 Silence and extinguishing the 4th candle

Hymn: *O God Why Are You Silent* #703, vs. 1,2

The Shadow of Accusation Matthew 26: 59-68 Silence and extinguishing the 5th candle

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* #351, vs,1,2

The Shadow of Mockery Mark 15: 12-20 Silence and extinguishing the 6th candle

Special Music *Via Dolorosa* Linda Olson

The Carpenter and the Cross

The Shadow of Death Luke 23: 33-46 Silence and extinguishing the 7th candle

Special Music *Were You There* Chris Olson

The Christ Candle is Removed & We Depart in Silence

Worshippers are invited forward to reverence the cross or pray by the cross. You may also remain in the pews for as long as you would like for personal prayer and reflection.