GOOD FRIDAY prayer service

Thank you for joining us on Good Friday! We are so thankful that you have taken time out of your day to come and worship God.

As you find a seat and settle in, take a moment to settle your mind. That may mean taking a few deep breaths, slowly breathing in and out. As you prepare your mind, begin to prepare your heart to spend time with the Lord.

Prayer

Take some time to walk through the following prompts:

- 1. **Praising God** take some time to praise God. He is the God of creation, the author of salvation, the beginning and the end. He is the first and the last. He is gracious, compassionate, patient, loving, slow to anger. Praise Him for the day, life and breath that He has given you.
- 2. **Confession** take some time to search your heart and see what sins may be present in your life. This may mean sitting and listening as you ask the Holy Spirit to draw sins to your attention. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your inmost thoughts and desires to see what may not easily come to mind. This may mean confessing the sins that easily come to mind immediately. As God brings things to your attention be quick to confess, repent and seek His forgiveness. Thank God for removing these sins and for His forgiveness.
- 3. **Supplication** take some time to ask God to guide you through the next few minutes of reading His Word and reflecting on the cost of the gift of salvation offered to all.

Scripture Readings

As you read, keep in mind two questions: What does this tell us about God? What does this tell us about ourselves?

- 1. Mark 15
- 2. Isaiah 53
- 3. 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
- 4. Matthew 28:1-10

Good Friday is a somber time to remember the love of God for His creation, the love He has for His son and the cost of our salvation. While it is somber because it portrays the cruel, painful death of Jesus, the Son of God, it also gives hope. It gives the hope of salvation offered through the shedding of Jesus' blood for the remission of our sins. Without Jesus' death, we have no hope of being made right with God. And while Good Friday concludes with Jesus dying and His earthly body being laid in a borrowed tomb, we know that is not the end. We know that Sunday is coming. We know there is more to "come and see." With all of this in mind, take a moment, before you stand to leave, to reflect on all that you have read and heard from God's Word. Ask the Lord to continually remind you of what you have read until you return Sunday. Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to worship the Risen Savior Easter Sunday!

Additional Resources to Consider:



The Easter Experience - Jason Turner Good Friday and Easter - Francis Chan Easter- J.D. Grear

Spotify, Apple Music, etc.



Easter with The Worship Initiative



Last Words: A Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday Playlist Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb Living Hope Thank You Jesus for the Blood Applied The Old Rugged Cross



Service Times: 8:30 am 10:30 am

