

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to worship this Good Friday. We're glad you've gathered with the International Protestant Church of Zurich to seek God's face.

If you're participating in a live service, here are some things to help enrich your experience. If you're worshipping on your own, most of this can be ignored.

Screen Splitting. If you're participating in the virtual service, it will be helpful to split your screen, with Zoom on one side, and this Order of Worship on the other. (Learn to do this on [Windows](#) and [Mac](#).) Or, you can use one device for Zoom and another for the Order of Worship.

Muting. Awkward as it is, please keep yourself muted during the service unless you are leading a certain part of the service. Otherwise it gets very noisy. During responsive parts of the service, keep yourself muted but please do participate!

Video Syncing. Please be ready to play videos that are embedded in the Order of Worship at the same time as the rest of the congregation. This will help us move to the next part of the service at the same time.

Extinguishing of Candles. In Latin, *tenebrae* means "darkness" or "shadows." We will extinguish 6 candles and remove a 7th candle in this service. You can participate in this at home. Be careful, of course, with fire!

Conclusion of Service in Silence. Traditionally on Good Friday, we refrain from socializing after the service. Even though it is difficult, we will simply end the service in silence and the Zoom call will be ended without a time of fellowship. On Easter Sunday we will have a joyous time of fellowship following the service.

Gathering

Greeting and Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 1:4-5; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

People: For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

Leader: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Invocation

Song: "O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"

O come and mourn with me awhile;
O come ye to the Savior's side;
O come, together let us mourn;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him,
While soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Ah! look how patiently He hangs;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

*O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!*

First Scripture Reading

Mark 15:21-23

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

Extinguishing the First Candle

Song: "O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"

How fast His hands and feet are nailed;
His blessed tongue with thirst is tied,
His failing eyes are blind with blood:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

His mother cannot reach His face;
She stands in helplessness beside;
Her heart is martyred with her Son's:
Jesus, our Lord, is Crucified.

*O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!*

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 15:24-30

And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Extinguishing the Second Candle

Song: "O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"

Seven times He spoke, seven words of love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Come, let us stand beneath the cross;
So may the blood from out His side
Fall gently on us drop by drop;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

*O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!*

Third Scripture Reading

Mark 13:31-32

So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

Extinguishing the Third Candle

Song: O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

Come, let us stand beneath the cross;
So may the blood from out His side
Fall gently on us drop by drop;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

O break, O break, hard heart of mine!
Thy weak self-love and guilty pride
His Pilate and His Judas were:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

*O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!*

Fourth Scripture Reading

Mark 15:33-36

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Extinguishing the Fourth Candle

Song: Kyrie Eleison (“Lord, Have Mercy”)

Lord, have mercy (*Lord, have mercy*)

Christ, have mercy (*Christ, have mercy*)

Lord, have mercy (*Lord, have mercy*)

On us

Fifth Scripture Reading

Mark 15:37-39

And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Extinguishing the Fifth Candle

Song: Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Sixth Scripture Reading

Mark 15:40-41

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and

ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

Extinguishing the Sixth Candle

Song: Were You There?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they rolled the stone in place?

Were you there when they rolled the stone in place?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they rolled the stone in place?

Seventh Scripture Reading

Mark 15:40-47

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen

shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

The Removal of the Christ Candle

Song: "Man of Sorrows, What a Name!"

Man of sorrows what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, helpless, lost were we;
blameless Lamb of God was he,
sacrificed to set us free:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

He was lifted up to die;
"It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Conclusion

Silent Meditation

Restoration of the Christ Candle

Song: "O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"

O come and mourn with me awhile;
O come ye to the Savior's side;
O come, together let us mourn;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

*O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!*

Prayer of Dedication

Commissioning and Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Offering

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Don't forget to join us on Easter Sunday at 11:30 or 18:00.