

**Please read this through first.**

I hope you are able to gather everyone in your household together this morning. Perhaps around your kitchen or dining room table. If you are not alone - assign parts of this beforehand. If you don't have a Bible you can google the scripture readings and print them out too. Adjust the font size for your use if you print this doc. out. This Liturgy is from LBW.

**You could use 6 candles or just 1. Include a Bible also.**

Perhaps print out copies of this for everyone present. Shut off all the distractions in your home. Sit in the quiet for a bit –take a few deep (yoga) breaths.

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**Good Friday April 10 2020**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *A service of diminishing light. A candle is lit at the beginning of the service and remains lit until the Gospel of the passion is read. Five other candles are already lit and will be extinguished one by one as the passion story is read.*

### **Gathering Litany**

On the cross we hear Christ's invitation: "Come unto me all who are weary and burdened with the weight of the world. Take *my* yoke upon you, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the sin of us all.**

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

**Out of his anguish we shall see his light; the righteous one, God's Holy Servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall lift our burden, he will carry our sin.**

Therefore he will be given his portion with the great; and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the those who sinned; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for those who turned away.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.**

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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*Hymns if you wish to sing or have a piano available.*

LBW 107 Beneath the Cross of Jesus / LBW 116.117 ELW 351 Oh Sacred Head now Wounded / LBW 123 ELW 349 Ah, Holy Jesus

### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

### **THE WORD**

**Isaiah 52:13--53:12      Psalm 22      Hebrews 10:16-25**

**Gospel** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. The people leave in silence and contemplation, but such silence and contemplation signal that the liturgy has not ended; that we already lean forward into what is yet to come. For we know that death is not the end... *(adapted from Sundaysandseasons.com)*

**Read in parts John 18:1 to John 19:42**

**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 our Bishops, for 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-Susan and Micheal, 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 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 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 travellers, 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. **The Lord's Prayer**

We adore you O Christ, and we bless you. **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.** *All candles may be extinguished at this time and we leave each other in silence.*