# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GOOD FRIDAY AT HOME LITURGY

April 10, 2020

This liturgy is set up to be led by the head of household in a family. Saints who worship alone are still encouraged to read aloud as directed. <u>All</u> directions are underlined.

### Read the following responsively:

### Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

All: who redeems us from sin and death.

Leader: For us and for our salvation,

Christ became obedient unto death,

Even death on a cross.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

# Have leader pray the following prayer aloud, all responding with "Amen": Opening Prayer of Adoration

Holy and ever living God,

by the suffering and death of Jesus

You save us from Adam's fall.

Grant in Your mercy that we may be drawn

to Christ lifted high on the cross,

and by His redeeming love be raised

to everlasting life with Him,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn No. 252** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14



Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M. Gregorian chant Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

# Have leader pray the following prayer aloud, all responding with "Amen": Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God,
By Your Word and Spirit,
That in Your light we may see light,
In Your truth find freedom,
And in Your will discover Your peace;
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Have one person read the following Scripture passage:

#### Gospel Lesson Mark 15:21-37

Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross. And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. And the inscription of His accusation was written above:

#### THE KING OF THE JEWS.

With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi,

lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!" Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down."

And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Homily "Incarnation, Crucifixion, and the Goodness of Good Friday" (Phil. 2:5-8)

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**Hymn No. 261** What Wondrous Love is This

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#### What Wondrous Love Is This

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1



# **Closing Prayer**

## Have all pray aloud together:

O most blessed Jesus, Son of the living God: See us poor sinners through Your passion and death, forgive us our sins which we have committed against You and our neighbor. Give us eternal life and everlasting joy through the blood of Your cross. We give ourselves to You in faith and submission. Keep us always as Your own and grant us eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.