



**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Good Friday**  
**March 30, 2018**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**P: who redeems us from sin and death.**

L: For us and for our salvation,

**P: Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.**

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord,

**P: Now and forever.**

L: For you know the joys and sorrows of the world, O God:

**P: you have been there; you are here;**

L: you have loved and cried

**P: you have lived and died**

L: to be with us, to comfort us,

**P: to forgive us and to free us.**

L: For this we give our thanks and praise.

**ALL: Amen.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

As we gather in the Spirit of God, we light a candle and remember the light of Christ's presence in the world.

*(Candle is lit)*

The flame of this candle leads us from the darkness of the garden, to the bare courtyard and its soldiers; from Pilate's palace and its crowds, through the streets of Jerusalem, to the shadow of the cross. Even on this most solemn of days: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

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### Prayer

L: We come to the foot of your cross and we bow with the disciples, we ponder the mystery of your life and death with Mary, we proclaim the truth of who you are with those who witnessed your love spoken and shown.

**ALL: We come to you this day, because you first came to us, We come loving you, because you first loved us, We come to serve you, because you first served us, We come to worship you as the Creator, Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. Hear as we pray, in the name of the Jesus who taught us to pray saying...**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY:** VU149 – When I survey the wondrous cross (v 1-2)

### DEDICATION

**ALL: Lord God, our Refuge and our Fortress, receive our gifts as symbols of our trust. In our giving we proclaim that it is you who protects and provides. Bless our**

**gifts and use both them and us for your purposes. Amen**

**ANTHEM** – *Give Me Jesus*

Remembering the Story of Jesus  
*Adapted from Gathering L/E/P*  
*2012 (Year B)*

**Sung Response:** MV 189 Jesus, We Are Here

**Closing Response:** VU142 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

### BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

L: The story has been told. One of us betrayed him, another denied him, and all of us have forsaken him. Yet Christ remains faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross.

**ALL: We go forth to wait and to watch for the hope that defies despair, the life that defies death, the beginning that defies the end. May God strengthen us so we do not turn aside, but follow Christ to the very end; for the final victory belongs to him. Amen**

**Recessional:** We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection (Instrumental)

Go in peace.

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