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# GOOD FRIDAY



## Welcome to our Good Friday Service 2020

We join with countless believers who will be memorializing the last nights of Jesus on this earth as he gave his life for us. This year, we will walk with Jesus as he purposefully and lovingly made his way to the cross. We want you to experience a small taste of what our Lord endured to remove our sinfulness and restore us to God.

This year, we will be having an interactive service online. Below you will find all the resources you need to participate from home and prepare ahead of time.

As we lead this service online (The Sanctuary Fellowship Facebook Live and [www.tsf-church.com/tsf-live/](http://www.tsf-church.com/tsf-live/)), we will pause at specific times. In those pauses, we will instruct each home to read through these verses and let each person handle the objects for each station. The service will keep moving, but we will do our best to accommodate your participation at home.

You can have the head of your family read these Scriptures, you could assign each one to someone to read, your older children could be the readers, etc. We encourage you to do this the way you want to as our whole church family is worshipping and reading and experiencing Good Friday together online!

NOTE - Make sure you have gathered your supplies before the evening starts. Make sure your home or the room you will be in is set up and the atmosphere is prepared for worship. You will want to look up and mark these passages in your Bible ahead of time. Each time you do a reading, you want everyone to be able to see and touch the appropriate item for that station.

Consider leaving all of the objects in a common area in your house from Friday through Sunday AM as a reminder of the price Christ paid for our sins and his immense love for us.

The service will begin promptly at 7:00PM on Friday- make sure you're ready!  
Until we can be with one another, we worship and seek the Lord together any way we can!

*-Pastor Joe Sanders*

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## Supply List

- Olives in a bowl
- Candle
- Lighter or matches
- Small bowl of water
- Hand towel
- Old piece of wood (the rougher the better)
- Large nails
- Hammer
- Sponge with vinegar -or- sponge with small bowl of vinegar beside it

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## Family Readings With Supplies

1. Garden of Gethsemane and Arrest:

SCRIPTURE: Mt. 26:36-41 & Mark 14:43-46

SUPPLIES: A jar of olives;  
olives in a bowl; etc

- Gethsemane means “oil press”; a garden of olive trees where Jesus prayed before his betrayal

2. Peter’s Denial:

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:66-71

SUPPLIES: A candle and lighter/matches

- Peter denies Jesus while around a fire

3. Condemned by Pilate:

SCRIPTURE: Mt. 27:16-24

SUPPLIES: Small bowl of water; towel

- Pilate condemns Jesus to death and washes his hands

4. Jesus Carries the Cross:

SCRIPTURE: John 19:6; 15-17

SUPPLIES: Old piece of wood; the rougher the better

- Jesus is turned over to carry the cross to his crucifixion

5. Jesus is Crucified:

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:33-34

SUPPLIES: Large nails, a hammer

- Jesus is sacrificed for our sins

6. Jesus Dies:

SCRIPTURE: Mt. 27:48-51

SUPPLIES: Sponge with vinegar or a sponge with a small bowl of vinegar beside it.

- Jesus willingly gives up his spirit as he dies

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## Family Reading Guide

*When prompted by Pastor Joe, have someone read the text and encourage everyone to handle the appropriate item for each station. Think about the many intentional, sacrificial, painful and loving steps Jesus took to go to the cross to take away our sins and thank Him!*

### READING #1 Matthew 26:36-41; Mark 14:43-46

Let everyone see, touch, and/or taste the olives. Remind them that olive oil was and is precious, and that it only comes out when put through a press. Remind them that Gethsemane means “olive press”, and it’s here that the pressure and pain of Jesus’ sacrifice is first experienced.

### READING #2 Luke 22:54-62

Let someone light the candle (if you can turn down the light and still have enough light to read, try that!). Remind everyone that our sins often come out in the dark and that there’s a darkness of sin that is in our hearts. Peter denied even knowing Jesus by light of a fire, but the light of Christ wasn’t yet in his heart.

### READING #3 Matthew 27:16-24

Let each person “wash” their hands in the water. Remind them that Pilate sent Jesus to die even though he knew he was innocent. Our hands are dirty with the rejection of Jesus and the sin in our hearts. Like Pilate, water couldn’t wash away his guilt and it can’t wash ours away, either.

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## Family Reading Guide (Cont.)

### READING #4 John 19:6; 15-17

Let each person hold the wood, feel how rough it is. Remind them that Jesus carried the weight of the world on his shoulders. He carried more than a wooden cross or emotional and physical pain up that hill; he carried the sins of the world with him so that he could then bear the burden of our punishment when he was crucified.

### READING #5 Luke 23:33-34

Let each person handle the nails and hammer. Remind them that Jesus suffered all of this pain and rejection and God's judgement so we could live every day and forever with Him. He hung painfully on the cross for about six hours, fully enduring the ugliness of sin and the pain of God's wrath so we would never have to.

### READING #6 Matthew 27:48-51

Let each person hold the sponge and smell the vinegar. There's a horrible smell that vinegar has and it reminds of the ugliness of our sins. It reminds us that nothing could take away the sting of death, sin and judgement that Jesus chose to endure for us. Jesus rejected the painkiller they offered so he could make God honoring choices until the very end when he chose to "give up his spirit" and die for our sins.

*Consider leaving all of these elements out in a common area until Sunday as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice and love for us.*

*Thank you for joining us tonight  
for Experience Good Friday!*



Join us Easter Sunday

10:15AM

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We will have a time of communion during our Easter Service.  
We encourage you to have bread and juice ready to take  
together at home as a family.