

For Worship at Home on GOOD FRIDAY – 2020



Optional: Have either 7 candles or 7 flashlights or any combination of 7 candles and flashlights.

WARNING: Please be certain to place any candles in a safe location where they will not fall over or catch fire to anything in your home.

Invocation and Call to Worship:

Lord God Heavenly Father be present with us and bless us...

Cover our sins with the righteousness of Jesus your Son, our Savior.

Lord Jesus Christ be present with us and bless us....

Pray for us at our Heavenly Father's throne as you prayed for those who nailed you to the cross.

Lord God Holy Spirit be present with us and bless us.....

Give us faith and grant us courage to view the suffering and death of our Lord to see there the evidence of God's love.

O, Blessed, Holy Trinity have mercy upon us!

AMEN.

After Each Scripture Reading of the 7 Words of Christ on the Cross extinguish one light:
then either sing or read the verse of the Hymn.

Scripture Reading #1 – Luke 23:32-34

Extinguish one light.

Hymn: C.W. 139 vs. 1 or optional TLH 180 vs. 1-3

*“Jesus in Your dying woes, Even while Your life-blood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes: Hear us, Holy Jesus!”*

Take a Moment of Meditation

Scripture Reading #2 – Luke 23:39-43

Extinguish one light.

Hymn: C.W. 139 vs. 2 or optional TLH 181 vs. 1-3

*“Jesus pitying the sighs of the thief who near You dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, Holy Jesus!”*

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Scripture Reading #3 – John 19:26-27

Extinguish one light.

Hymn: C.W. 139 vs. 3 or optional TLH 182 vs. 1-3

*“Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, Holy Jesus!”*

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Scripture Reading #4 – Matthew 27:45-46

Extinguish one light.

Hymn: C.W. 139 vs. 4 or optional TLH 183 vs. 1-3

*“Jesus Plunged in depths unknown With our evil foe alone,
While no light from heav’n is shown: Hear us, Holy Jesus!”*

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Scripture Reading #5 – John 19:28-29

Extinguish one light.

Hymn: C.W. 139 vs. 5 or optional TLH 184 vs. 1-3

*“Jesus, in Your thirst and pain, While your wounds the lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture’s plan: Hear us, Holy Jesus!”*

Take a Moment of Meditation

Scripture Reading #6 – John 19:30

Extinguish one light.

Hymn: C.W. 139 vs. 6 or optional TLH 185 vs. 1-3

*“Jesus, all our ransom paid, All Your Father’s will obeyed,
By Your sufferings perfect made: Hear us, Holy Jesus!”*

Take a Moment of Meditation

Scripture Reading #7 – Luke 23:44-46

Extinguish Last light.

Hymn: C.W. 139 vs. 7 or optional TLH 186 vs. 1-3

*“Jesus, all your labor vast, All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last: Hear us, Holy Jesus!”*

Take a Moment of Meditation

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

(A statement of Faith for the Christian; C.W. Liturgy pg. 132-133)

[Can also be found on TLH Liturgy pg. 53]

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,

Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person – The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is distinct,

But the Deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated;
The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

Yet they are not three Who are eternal, but there is One Who is eternal

Just as they are not three Who are uncreated, nor three Who are infinite, But there is One Who is uncreated and One Who is infinite. In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three Who are almighty, but there is One Who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet They are not three Gods, but One God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet They are not three Lords, but One Lord.

For just as the Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords. The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is One Father, not three Fathers; One Son, not three Sons; One Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as One God and One God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation, truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and Man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is Man, born in time from the nature of His mother, fully God and fully Man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity.

and though He is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but One

One, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; One indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person.

For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and Man are One Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their

personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

GENERAL PRAYER: Use this space to list people and things that you would like to pray for.
Share this list with others.

The Lord's Prayer:

Apostolic Benediction:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all-way.

Sing or Read Hymn: **C.W. 293 / TLH 283**

NOTE: When reading the final sections of the Athanasian Creed one could get the impression that we must work our way into heaven. We need to remember that through faith in Christ Jesus, (the faith which the Holy Spirit has created in our heart) - through faith in Jesus we have been covered with Christ's blood and Christ's Righteousness, and thus we are without sin in the Eyes of God through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. We have been covered by Christ. (see Revelation 7:13-17)

Historical Info: This creed is named after a theologian named Athanasius (273-373 A.D.). He is not believed to be the actual writer of this creed, but he was a steadfast defender of the Christian faith in the 4th century (301-400 A.D.). The Athanasian Creed was prepared to assist the Christian Church in combating two errors that undermined the Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is True God and True Man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth.

