

Good Friday Morning Prayer 2025

(Note: We gather in silence for a contemplative and reflective start to Good Friday for our beloved community. Today's readings are listed below. Instead of shared reflections after the Gospel, we will sit in silence for a few minutes.)

Opening Prayer

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Christ became obedient unto death: O come, let us worship.

Song of the Winding Sheet By Jan Richardson

We never could have wished it to come to this, yet we call these moments holy as we
hold you.

Holy the tending, holy the winding, holy the leaving as in the living.

Holy the silence, holy the stillness, holy the turning and returning to earth.

Blessed is the One who came in the name, blessed is the One who laid himself down,
blessed is the One emptied for us, blessed is the One wearing the shroud.

Holy the waiting, holy the grieving, holy the shadows and gathering night.

Holy the darkness, holy the hours, holy the hope turning toward light.

Psalm 22 (1-11)

**Glory to you Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

Gospel (John 18:1-14)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

...

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer (Lynn's paraphrase)

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray,

Our Creator, ground of all being, holy is your name.

May your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse* us.

May your will be done, throughout all your creation.

Give us today what we need for this day.

Forgive us our failings and shortcomings, and help us to forgive those who have harmed us.

Save us from trials too hard for us and deliver us from evil.

May you reign in the kingdom, the power, and the glory of your love, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing/Sending

Even in the shadow of the cross,

God's love holds us.

Let us go quietly,

trusting the mystery of this day.

Amen.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*A few ancient authorities read "Your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us" rather than "May your Kingdom come."