

7pm Good Friday Worship Service – March 30, 2018 – New Hope

Welcome

Prayer for Good Friday - All

God of the covenant, you promised that you would write your wisdom and compassion in our hearts. We confess that we ignore them when listening would be inconvenient. We confess that we resist them when they challenge us to change. We confess that we forget them when something else seems more interesting or amusing or pleasurable.

God of the covenant, you also promised that you would forgive our sins and our refusal to follow your ways. Soften our hearts that we can want forgiveness; break them open so that we can receive forgiveness; shape them anew so that we can live as forgiven, forgiving people. We ask this in the name of the one who, even on the cross, asked forgiveness for those who hung him there. Amen.

Hymn – *To Be Determined*

First Reading - “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:33-38

Short Reflection: _____

All - God of grace, we thank you for Jesus Christ. We confess our own sin, for we have lived too much for ourselves and not for you. We have not followed your Son faithfully. Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts and renew in us spirits loyal to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn – *To Be Determined*

Second Reading - “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:39-43

Short Reflection: _____

All - O Holy Jesus, through the power of your love, you received the heart of a sinner upon the cross. Receive us by that same mercy, as we look to you for forgiveness and life. Amen.

Hymn – *To Be Determined*

Third Reading - “Mother, here is your son, son, here is your mother!” John 19:25-27

Short Reflection: _____

All - God of love, in your Son’s words of grace, help us to perceive your own love and compassion for sinners—for us and for our enemies. Give us power to forgive as you have forgiven us, in our Savior’s name. Amen.

Hymn – *To Be Determined*

Fourth Reading - “My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me?” Mark 15:33-37

Short Reflection: _____

All - Ever-present God, remind us always of Christ’s presence,

especially in those times we are tempted to despair. Sustain us and inspire us by your Spirit to live with courage, trusting that you are God-with-us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn – *To Be Determined*

Fifth Reading - “I thirst!” John 19:28

Short Reflection: _____

All - Almighty God, help us always to remember that your Son endured his suffering for the whole world. Help us take up the cross of suffering for love’s sake and so participate in Jesus’ self-offering for the life of the world. Amen.

OFFERING – All gifts will be given to the ministry of the New Hope Food Pantry

OFFERING PRAYER - All

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.

As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sixth Reading - “It is Finished!” John 19:30

Short Reflection: _____

All - Gracious God, in the midst of this world’s suffering and evil, remind us that you have won the final victory through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn – *To Be Determined*

Seventh Reading - “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Luke 23:44-49

Short Reflection: _____

All - God of the Cross, focus our spirits always on the cross of Jesus, that your love and your promises will give us power and hope to live with compassion and mercy, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our friend. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer - All

Exit in silence