

Good Friday Online

Friday April 10 - 8pm



This gathering will be quite different from what you would expect on Sunday mornings. On Good Friday, we recognize and remember specifically the passion of Christ as He, righteous and blameless, was sent to a cross to be executed. He did this humbly and graciously so that we would not have to pay the penalty we deserve as sinners on the earth.

This piece of history by itself should cause us to stop and feel the weight of sin and its cost. Not that we bear our sin as those who's lives have not been paid for by this act, but that our King suffered brutally for my sin and yours. Naturally, as we focus on this fact, our gathering on Friday will take a posture of somberness. This is not to be mistaken with hopelessness, but this passionate moment is not all together unlike the occasions of lamenting that we find in Psalms and elsewhere in scripture. Jesus himself shares the lamenting words from Psalm 22, "My God, why have you forsaken me?"



What to expect and how to prepare:

- By design, this will be a simpler, stripped down worship experience.
- Calm your room and turn off or dim your lights. Allow your tv or device to be the source of light in the room. The scene will gradually get darker until the end when the screen will go black before an image of the cross will appear.
- To symbolize the inherent grief, we will sing lamenting words as we hear this powerful story from the scriptures.
- After the video is over, sit quietly in the dark for moment and reflect on the historic and spiritual truth of the cross. Perhaps say a silent prayer or lead your family in a prayer of gratitude.

“We may say that on the first Good Friday afternoon was completed that great act by which light conquered darkness and goodness conquered sin. That is the wonder of our Savior's crucifixion.” ~ Phillips Brooks

After our online gathering on Good Friday, we will return to our livestream on Sunday, which will display a whole new emotion as we celebrate that Jesus defeated death itself and rose from the grave! Thus, our Good Friday event is a very specific part of the whole. It only makes sense and is vitally important that if we grieve at the day of the cross, we recognize and anticipate the joy found on Easter. This is why we take a posture of somberness instead of hopelessness, and frankly why we are able to call ourselves children of God who gather to worship in the first place.

Have a wonderful week. I look forward to seeing you this weekend.

-Kendall