

# Good Friday Family Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross

## Materials:

- Passion of Our Lord according to St. John divided into parts for various readers
- A crucifix

## Gathering:

Family gathers in silence, after a moment the prayer is read:

Great and loving God,  
Who by the Passion of Christ your Son, Our Lord,  
Abolished the death inherited from ancient sin,  
Grant that, being conformed to Him,  
We who bear the image of earthly Adam,  
May, by your gift of love,  
Bear now the image of the heavenly Christ  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever.  
Amen

## Liturgy of the Word

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. John:  
-read in one voice or various voices as able.  
(See attached PDF)

Reflection in Silence for a moment...

## Sharing:

How do you feel?

Many interpret this story as Christ being enthroned as King, with the cross as his throne, how could this be?

Can Almighty God be All-Vulnerable God?

Can you see anything new coming from your experience of the last month?

## Prayers for the Church and World:

(Response: Give peace and new life.)

1. Great and loving God, in Christ you have shown your glory to all the world, watch over you great work of mercy, the Church, that spread through many cultures and speaking many languages she may always persevere in unity to confess your name. We pray...
2. Great and loving God, you have chosen Pope Francis to lead and guide your Church in these turbulent times, protect him that through his shepherding, we may continue to grow in faith. We pray...
3. Great and loving God, in your Spirit the whole church is made holy and ordered to you, let you Spirit of wisdom descend on Samuel our Bishop and Jorge his auxiliary, upon the priests and deacons and upon all who minister to your people, that by the gift of your grace they may serve you faithfully. We pray...
4. Great and loving God, you open the hearts of all to your Word, deepen the faith of our dear catechumens preparing for baptism that reborn in baptism they may follow you always. We pray...
5. Great and loving God, you gather what was scattered and keep together what you have gathered, keep all who are baptized in your Son united in faith and bonded in charity. We pray...
6. Great and loving God, you joined yourself through a lasting covenant to Abraham and his descendants, may those you first called and made your own be brought to the fullness of redemption. We pray...
7. Great and loving God, you call your people to yourself by many paths, as our brothers and sisters who do not confess Christ walk before you with a sincere heart, grant that they be drawn more deeply into your life. We pray...
8. Great and loving God, open the hearts of all who do not believe in you, may they see through the obstacles in their lives to the life you offer. We pray...

9. Great and loving God, in your hand lies every human heart and the rights of all peoples, grant that those who govern with authority over us throughout the world may be always dedicated to the prosperity of all, the assurance of peace and freedom to worship. We pray...
  
10. Great and loving God, comfort of mourners and strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before you, that in their hour of need they may know your mercy. We pray...
  
11. Great and loving God, source of all life, health and healing. Look with compassion on our world brought low by disease; protect us in the grave challenges that assail us, in your lovingkindness grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. We pray...

After a moment of silence invite the family to pray the Our Father

## **Veneration of the Cross**

Holding high the crucifix, one person sings (or says):  
Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.

All respond singing (or saying):  
O come, let us adore.

Crucifix is passed to each person present who venerates it in whatever manner they feel comfortable.

After another moment of silence the following blessing prayer is prayer by one for all:

We pray your blessing upon us O Lord, we have honored the death of your Son in the hope of resurrection know your pardon and your comfort, may we be deepened in faith to be secure in your love for us and you desire that we be with you, Through Christ, our Lord.

End in silence.