

"An Inclusive Church Family Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."



### A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*All who are able, please stand. Bold print denotes congregational response

# WE GATHER IN SILENCE

As we continue our worship this afternoon, we invite you to prepare your hearts and minds as we gather in silence.

A TIME OF PREPARATION		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
The psalmist prayed, "On you I was cast from birth."		from Psalm 22
And Jesus said, "Here is your son."		and John 19:26-30
The psalmist prayed, "I an	n poured out like water."	
And Jesus said, "I am thirs	sty."	
The psalmist prayed, "Goo	has accomplished it!"	
And Jesus said, "It is finisl	ned."	
HYMN 221	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	PASSION CHORALE
	A TIME OF PROCLAMATION	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 52:13- 53:12	
HYMN 210	Lord, Why Have you Forsaken Me	DISTRESS
	(Psalm 22)	
SECOND LESSON	Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9	
GOSPEL LESSON	John 18:1–19:42	
PRAYER		
Following a brief silence		
Holy God, we come to be	ar witness to the suffering and death of the one you sent to save	us.
Hold us in your presence	as we approach the cross.	
Fill us with your presence	as we proclaim the gospel.	
Use us as your people as	we pray for the world.	
Bless us with your peace	as we depart in silence.	
Keep us in your promise a	as we await the dawn.	
In Jesus' name we pray. A	imen.	

# MEDITATION

# A TIME OF LAMENT

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

A bidding prayer for the whole family of God and the afflictions of the world. In this prayer, we unite ourselves with the priestly ministry of Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### SILENCE

#### THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS\*

After each reproach, the following response is used: But you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy

HYMN 228

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

All depart in silence. Our worship will continue on Easter Sunday in person at 8:30 and 11:00 am

or online at 11:00 am via www.wcpc-tx.org, facebook or youtube.

<sup>\*</sup> The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross (a modified version is used in our service) is a part of the ancient and ecumenical practice of the Church.

# PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord Jesus, we stand and face your cross, your throne of grace, with boldness. Keep us standing near the cross, until it is finished. Amen.

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 9:45am-10:45am

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