



# Good Friday

at HOME

## READ

### **Mark 15:21-39** *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

### **The Death of Jesus**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## WONDER

We call this day of sadness Good Friday, because it is the day God forgave us of all of our sins and promised us everlasting life. God continues to be good to us even in confusing and uncertain times. I wonder what goodness has God brought to you today?

## PREPARE

Add a cross to your centerpiece. Let us remember that Jesus died on the cross for all of us.

## ACT

**Worship with us tonight:** Tenebrae, from the Latin word for darkness, is an ancient Christian service held on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday during which candles are gradually extinguished as the story of Jesus' passion is read. Prepare for tonight by setting up seven candles. If you don't have that many candles turn off lamps, flashlights, close curtains to darken the room or dim your phone/computer screen.

## PRAY

**Almighty God, look with mercy upon your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross. Amen.**