

VIRTUAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



Dear Worship Leaders,

Remember to speak directly into the camera.

Check to see what is “viewable” from your camera.

Over exaggerate, which may feel cheesy in the moment, but energy level drops in recording and sending out.

Remember that your worshipping community has its own traditions for Good Friday, how can these be translated to a virtual setting?

Good Friday is a meditative, somber service, probably not a comfy chair service - set a table or desk with visual elements and lead from that space.

Take time to create a space in your home that helps viewers know it is Good Friday, sit or stand at a table or podium, print a picture to place it next to you, create a background using items from around your home, and have a candle ready to light at the beginning of worship.

Explore virtual background for ZOOM, point participants to resources for images.

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This might be a good service to offer mid-day, with a simple service;

- Greeting
- Light a candle
- Reading of the scripture(s) from the Revised Common Lectionary
- A short reflection or Lectio Divina practice; <https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/lectio-divina-beginners-guide>
- A few minutes of quiet, inviting congregants to journal or reflect, possibly playing a song (see links below)
- A closing prayer
- Extinguish the candle

Online worship resources:

1. Tenebrae via ZOOM or live or recorded (invite participants to have a candle to light). This service can be tricky online as candles are extinguished. Play with the lighting beforehand. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship/a-service-of-tenebrae>
2. Seven Last Words of Christ;
 - have different congregants film themselves reading the various passages and compile these to show on Good Friday.

- Hold a ZOOM worship

<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/december-2011/seven-last-words>

<https://www.worshiptraining.com/media/an-order-for-the-seven-last-words-service/>

Music

youtube videos can be edited into a pre-recorded service or shared with your congregation ahead of time.

Were You There

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AulurbkpbUw>

The Wonderful Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC1llbwX4w>