



## A HOLY WEEK LITURGY

### **Preamble:**

This liturgy is put together so that we can worship God as individuals or in our families as if we are attending the Holy Week Convention. Instead of just tuning in to the sermons online, it will be good to set aside time to gather at 7.45 pm on Wednesday and Thursday and at 10.30 am on Good Friday so that the EP churches can be worshipping God together, somewhat like what local churches do for online services every Sunday.

If you are alone, you can read out aloud or quietly in your heart the prayers and Scriptures in the liturgy. If you are worshipping with your family, appoint different individuals to lead in the reading or have everyone read out aloud together. We leave you to work out the details. The bottom line is we hope that you will be able to attend the Convention albeit in a rather unique way because of the unprecedented times we are living in due to COVID-19.

Jesus says: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) May this year's Holy Week be a stark reminder of this truth, all because of Christ's finished work on the cross!

Shalom  
**Holy Week Convention Committee**

\*We thank Rev Tan Cheng Huat for compiling these resources. He initially made them available to HPC, KPC and TWPC-EC. We have asked for his permission to share it with the wider EP community.

## 8 April 2020 (WEDNESDAY) SERVICE @ 7:45 pm

### OPENING:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. (Philippians 2.8,9)

\*Song: The Power of the Cross by Kristyn Getty  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aowdjLeaCYs>

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
'If you love me, keep my commandments.'  
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'  
Let us confess to the Almighty God our sins and ask him to cleanse us.

Silence is kept.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

### RESPONSIVE READING:

Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**All: Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.**

You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored.

**All: Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation.**

You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world.

**All: Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.**

The weight of your cross was the weight of our sins which make us stumble and fall.

**All: In our weakness, we turn to you for strength.**

Although you suffered, you still reached out to care for your mother.

**All: May our cross-bearing never keep us from caring for our families.**

As you struggled to bear your cross to Calvary, a passer-by was drafted to help you.

**All: Make us as willing as Simon to bear the burdens of those in need.**

Others also took risks to comfort you.

**All: Strengthen our faith to take loving risks for our needy brothers and sisters.**

Your suffering under the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep.

**All: Make our suffering in life a share in your suffering.**

The full burden of our sin crushed you mightily to the earth.

**All: Do not forsake us in our falling, but bring us to repentance and faith.**

When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to the Father, and he did not forsake you.

**All: Keep us close to your cross and death, now and at the hour of our death.**

In the tomb you were laid, but from the tomb you arose.

**All: Be the Lord of the resurrection for us and for all the baptized.**

Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified in faith, cleansed of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us. Help us to bear our cross in the world and follow you until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

(Adapted from <https://www.liturgybytlw.com/Lent/StatnLit.html>)

\*Song: The Lord Is My Salvation by Keith and Kristyn Getty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyLL04p0ms8>

**SERMON:** Rev Dr Simon Chan

<http://epeasterconvention.org/#talk1>

\*Song: In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

### **CLOSING:**

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, "If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me." He said to his disciples, "How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners." Christ was obedient unto death.

**All: Go in his peace.**