

# Good Friday Wake 2008--DRAFT

## Roles:

Presider  
Cantor

These roles can shift through the evening if necessary. This can work with one person playing a combined Presider & Cantor role, but is better with two.

## Needed Items:

### Burial Icon

Shroud Cloth  
Full length tablecloth  
Table to fit the icon, prefer kneeling hight

### Incense

Incense Bowl  
Charcoal  
Incense

### Spices

Myrrh  
Additional powdered spices:  
Sandalwood, clove? cumin?

### Beeswax tapers

Bowl of sand or other place to place lit tapers

### Flowers

~2 dozen single stems. Tulips work well, need to easily separate into single stems. Can probably reuse for the vigil. Local if possible.  
A large vase to hold the flowers.

Chairs

Kneeling Cushions  
Floor pillows?

### Texts

A few bibles  
A few BCPs  
Other?

### **Welcome table**

Welcome & explanation sign

Single page to take with music, basic structure of evening

Signs labeling teas, buns

Hot water

Mugs/teacups

Assorted teas, at least one decaf option, at least one herbal

Ample supply (2-3 doz.) of hot cross buns.

### **Set Up:**

Tablecloth on table, icon centered on top of table.

Kneelers along/around table. 1 chair near the icon if space allows.

Next to the icon: incense bowl, sand bowl for candles.

Shroud cloth folded neatly at the foot of the icon.

To the sides of the icon, on the table, on side tables, or on the floor: a vase with flowers, a basket or cup of beeswax tapers, a bowl or bowls of powdered spices (unobtrusively labeled)

Plenty of clear space around the icon.

Welcome table at the door, with sign explaining how to participate, stack of handouts and outline of the service. Tea & hot cross buns either here or at another table in clear sight and easily accessible.

## Structure of the Evening:

**Start 8 pm:**

**Presider** reads *Matt 27:57-59*

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock.

*or Mark 16:42-47*

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.

**Cantor** leads song: *Stay with me*

**Presider:**

I now invite you to a time of quiet prayer and reflection, in your seat, standing, or near the icon. If you wish, you are invited to light a candle near the icon, to sprinkle it with spices, or to lay a flower on it. There are prayerbooks and Bibles around the room if you wish to use them. Please help yourself to tea and hot cross buns at any time this evening.

**At each 1/2 hour:**

**Cantor** leads song as below:

8:30: *Stay with me*

9:00: *Wait for the Lord*

9:30 *Wait for the Lord*

10:00 *Within Our Darkest Night*

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*after allowing a brief silence after the end of the singing, the Presider says:*

I now invite any of you to share a short reading, a poem, or a favorite story about Jesus.

*Reflective brief silence after each person shares, then invite another if there is time, if that seems appropriate. Let reaction happen if it's going well, but don't let it become a*

*seminar, or a debate. Total time should be less than 15 minutes The presider needs to hold this limit to leave space open for private reflection & prayer, for having tea, for getting up and leaving, for others to come in and participate.*

*Reflective silence after last.*

*Then the **Presider** says:*

*I again invite you to a time of quiet prayer and reflection. Perhaps you might want to change position, or spend some time at the icon, or have some tea.*

**At 10:50**

***Cantor*** *chants the Troparion from the Orthodox Good Friday Vespers:*

The Noble Joseph took down  
Your most pure body from the cross  
and, anointing it with fragrant spices,  
he wrapped it in a clean linen  
and put it in a new tomb.

***Presider*** *extinguishes candles; covers incense bowl, and moves them away to another table.*

***Cantor & Presider*** *together cover the icon with the shroud.*

***Presider*** *says a closing prayer*

*(this one is from the Good Friday liturgy of St. Gregory of Nyssa):*

O God, Creator of heaven and earth  
as the crucified body of your dear Son  
was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath,  
sanctifying the grave to be a bed of hope  
for your people,  
grant that we may await with him  
the coming of the third day,  
and rise with him to newness of life;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.

***All AMEN***

***Cantor*** *says:*

*In keeping with the ancient custom of the church, we depart now in silence.*

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