

**Church of the Messiah
Woods Hole, Massachusetts**

**A Liturgy for Holy Wednesday
April 8, 2020**

Prelude "Prelude" by César Franck

Welcome

Collect for the day

Book of Common Prayer, p. 220

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Meditation

Hymn 167 "There is a green hill far away" - *Horsley*

Benediction

Postlude "Ah, Holy Jesus" by Gerald Near