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March 25th, 2016 10 am

Good Friday: *Voices at the Crucifixion: Remember Me*

T H E G A T H E R I N G

***Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.**

PRELUDE

***GREETING:**

Leader: On this day of sorrow, may the peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*** INTROIT: Were You There #144 VU verse 1**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O-o-o-oh!

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: It's Friday. And we gather at the foot of the cross.

People: Into the shadows of chaos the Light of the World steps.

Leader: Are we willing to follow? To stay near him?

People: It would be easier to stay away. But this is where the Spirit has led us.

Leader: Together we will make our way through the story. Together we will make our way through the sorrow. For it is Friday, and we gather with our memories at the foot of the cross.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (in unison):

Saviour of the World, what have you done to deserve this?
And what have we done to deserve you? Strung up between
criminals, cursed and spat upon, you wait for death, and look for us
– for us, whose broken-ness has crucified you. To the mystery of
undeserved suffering, you bring the deeper mystery of undeserved
love. And so we pray now, as you taught us, saying:
Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen

***HYMN#149 VU When I Survey The Wondrous Cross**

VOICES AT THE CROSS: “REMEMBER ME”

Narrator: Luke 22:7-13

THE OWNER OF THE UPPER ROOM: Sheila Power

Narrator: Mark 14:41b-46; Matt 27:1-2

MARTHA: Sharon Noel

Narrator: Mark 14:54-56, 60-64, 66-67

SIMON PETER: Bob Watson

ANDREW: Bill Elderkin

***HYMN# 147 VU What Wondrous Love is This**

Narrator: Matthew 27:27-31; 33-37

JUDAS:

HYMN#145 VU O Sacred Head

Narrator: John 19: 25b-27

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS: Janet Merrill

ANTHEM: *Remember Me*

Cindy Berry

PRAYERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY (The Sung Response is #411 VU)

Leader: And so we call to you...

***Sung Response:* Oh God we call. Oh God we call.**

From deep inside we yearn,

From deep inside we yearn,

From deep inside we yearn, for you.

EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: It is finished. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

[the Christ candle is extinguished]

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POSTLUDE

*****After the choir leaves, please know you are welcome to remain in the quiet of the sanctuary for as long as you like.**

Peace be with you all.