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March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018    10 am  
Good Friday: Remembering the Crucifixion of Jesus

## THE GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE: Moonlight Sonata**                      *Beethoven*

**SOLO: The Crucifixion – Carolyn Hatt**                      Samuel Barber

### \*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 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. To the  
mystery of undeserved suffering, you bring the deeper mystery of  
relentless love. Forgive us, Lord, for all the ways we have hurt you:  
for those things we have done, and all that we have left undone.  
And now we pray 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***

**Narrator: Mark 14:32, 43-55; 15:1**

***Pilate speaks: Bill Elderkin***

**Narrator: Mark 15:6-15**

***Barabbas speaks: Lloyd Penney***

**Choir: *Gethsemane with The Power of the Cross* K. Getty/S. Townend**

**Narrator: Mark 15:15-21**

***Simon, the Cross Bearer speaks: Sharon Noel***

***Narrator: John 12: 1-7***

***The Other Mary speaks: Janet Merrill***

**\*HYMN #136 VU O Come And Mourn With Me Awhile verses 1 and 2**

**Narrator: Luke 23:33, 39-40**

***The Criminal Crucified Beside Jesus: Dorothy Webster***

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

***Narrator: John 19: 25b-27***

***The Beloved Disciple speaks: Sheila Power***

***Mary, the Mother of Jesus speaks: Verna Brett***

**HYMN #145 VU O Sacred Head**

**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.**

We entered Jerusalem in celebration O God- just days ago.  
It seemed that great promise was handed out along with the palms. We  
tucked that bundle in our hearts and continued on our journey.

But our journey has brought us here, to the foot of the cross.  
And the sound of nails driven in.  
In the terrible grief,  
Our promises were dropped. And with them our hope.  
And so we call to you...

**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.**

Beneath the cross, the ground is strewn with broken plans and promises,  
And kneeling pilgrims,  
For we do not know what to do when the sky peels back to purple;  
When our tears drench the earth,  
And we grieve for all that is lost

And so we call to you...

**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.**

Give us confidence O God,  
That we can make our way still,  
That we can follow still the ways of Jesus:  
To seek justice and resist evil,  
To be your church and your people in whatever incarnation you may will.

And so we call to you...

**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.**

And so we kneel amidst our dropped dreams, and dashed hopes, and we remember that you still hold our hearts. Amen.

## **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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**\*\*\*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.**

I read of Christ crucified,  
the only begotten Son  
sacrificed to flesh and time  
and all our woe.

He died and rose,

but who does not tremble  
for his pain, his loneliness,  
and the darkness of the sixth hour?  
Unless we grieve like Mary  
at His grave, giving Him up  
as lost, no Easter morning comes.

Wendell Berry