

## “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (#221)

O sacred head now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

## “Jesus, Remember Me” (#227)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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*The Shadow of Death*

Mark 15:33-39

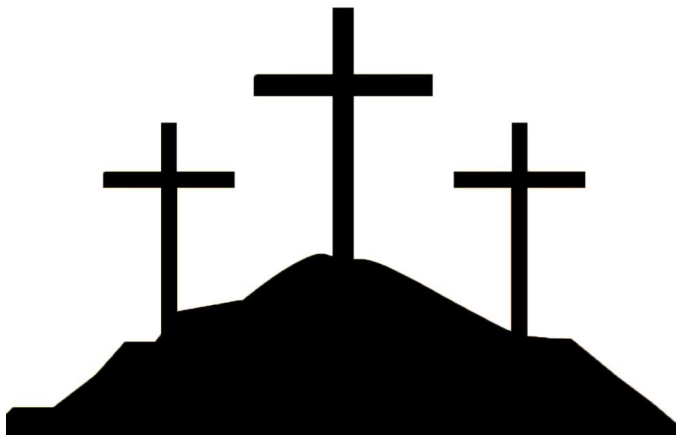
## “Were You There” (#228)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**Closing Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

*We Depart in Silence*



## Good Friday Service

April 3, 2026 • 6:30 pm

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pianist:

Haruko Sakakibara

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

### Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Leader: In this holy week, on this holy night,

**People: We come to be present with Jesus in his suffering.**

Leader: With the glory of Palm Sunday behind us and the joy of Easter not yet come,

**People: We gather with our broken hearts.**

Leader: In this world that is at once beautiful and holy and tragic,

**People: We seek to be present with all who suffer.**

Leader: When sorrow threatens to overwhelm,

**People: We long for a quiet and sacred space—**

Leader: A space where we can listen and sing and pray,

**People: A space to sit with our grief and our questions.**

Leader: Let us be that space for each other tonight

**All: As we remember the story together.**

- Joanna Harader

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\* Those who can, please stand

## A Prayer of Reconciliation for Good Friday

Leader: Ever-present God, on this Good Friday night, our whole world is engulfed in shadows as we remember the story of Jesus' death. We confess that we want to push the fast-forward button on this familiar story because it hurts so much. It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus.

It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath.

It hurts to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the world.

**All: But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there: The pain of the world, of cruel decisions; of betrayal; of injustice.**

**Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and to us, to witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness and Love. We confess, we are afraid to enter this pain with Jesus. Strengthen us with Your courage; offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death; let us know You are present with us here in this moment of pain; now as always.**

*Time for silent prayer and confession*

## Unison Assurance of Forgiveness (Galatians 2:20)

**All: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## Good Friday Meditation

**Choir Song:** "Were You There" African-American Spiritual

## The Tenebrae: Service of Shadows

*The Shadow of Temptation* Matthew 26:20-25

*The Shadow of Betrayal* Luke 22:45-48

### "Stay With Me" (#204)

Stay with me. Remain here with me.  
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.

### "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (#471)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.

*The Shadow of Arrest* Luke 22:49-53

### "Within Our Darkest Night" (#294)

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.  
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*The Shadow of a Mocked Trial* Mark 14:53-65

*The Shadow of Condemnation* Mark 15:1-5, 12-15

*The Shadow of the Cross* Mark 15:16-20

### "What Wondrous Love Is This" (#215)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

*The Shadow of Crucifixion* Mark 15:21-32