

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

184th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2017

~WORSHIP ~
Good Friday
April 14, 2016 ~ 10:30 am



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Call to Worship:

Good Friday is a difficult part of our faith.

It is a day of darkness and death.

A day that seemed like the sun would never shine.

What would it have been like...

To have been there among the angry crowds yelling "crucify!"?

To have heard the blow of the hammer on the nails?

To have seen Jesus pierced on the side?

To have been there when He breathed His last breath?

This Good Friday, we are invited to experience the darkest day of the year.

Singing: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus

VU#135

Gathering Prayer: God of infinite love, the costly sacrifice of Jesus defies our imagination. Yet we come, to stand with Him in His suffering. Today, as we recall the last hours of His mortal life, help us see ourselves as part of the story. And help us to repent of the sins which have contributed to crucifixion, and to receive again the assurance of Your resurrection love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Experiencing **The Palm**

Voice 1

Scripture: Matthew 21: 6-9

Singing:

Were you there when they welcomed Him with palms? (2X)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they welcomed Him with palms?

Experiencing **The Meal**

Voice 2

Scripture: Matthew 26: 26-28

Singing:

Were you there when they shared the bread and wine? (2X)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they shared the bread and wine?

Experiencing **The Servant**

Voice 1

Scripture: John 13: 3-5

Singing: Were you there when Jesus washed their feet? (2X)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when Jesus washed their feet?

Experiencing **The Betrayal**

Voice 2

Scripture: Matthew 26: 14-15

Singing: Were you there when they betrayed Him? (2X)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they betrayed Him?

Experiencing **The Denial**

Voice 1

Scripture: Luke 22: 33-34

Singing:

Were you there when the rooster crowed three times? (2X)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when the rooster crowed three times?

Experiencing **The Angry Crowds**

Voice 2

Scripture : Mark 15: 12-14

Singing: Were you there when they shouted "Crucify"? (2X)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they shouted "Crucify"?

Experiencing **Jesus's Death**

Voice 1

Scripture: Mark 15: 33-34

Extinguish the Christ Candle

Singing: Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (2)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Experiencing **The Tomb**

Voice 2

Scripture: Mark 15: 46-47

Singing: Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (2X)

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Anthem: That's Where Jesus Died

Reflections

Prayer

Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross*

SOG#2

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go, keep vigil at the cross – through prayer, meditation, and loving action.

We carry with us both this day's tragedy and its saving significance for our lives and our world.

Go, with the knowledge that this end is not The End.

We trust the purposes of God.

As we go, may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, be with you all.

And also with you.