

Good Friday, 29 March, 2024



Descent from the Cross. Giorgio Vasari (Camaldoli: summers of 1539 and 1540)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Preludes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Barry Carr

The Call to Worship God

Jesus, we have come to Calvary with you. We seek to know the agony you suffered there.

Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

Teach us to endure, as you endured, the scorn of unbelievers and the torments of our enemies.

Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

Save us from despair when we are circled round about.

Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

Help us keep strong faith in you forever. When we falter, rescue us. When we forget your promises, refresh our memories. When we face death, be with us faithfully.

Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus.

Introit

“When Jesus Wept”

William Billings

Reading

Mark 8: 34-37

Princess St United

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

Hymn

Were you there? V.1

BOP #233, CP #192, VU#144

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(A moment of silence follows the music.)

DOUBT

Princess St United

Reading

Mark 13: 11-13

Chalmers United

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Hymn

Were you there? V.2

BOP #233, CP #192, VU#144

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(A moment of silence follows the music.)

SORROW

Chalmers United

Reading

Mark 14: 43-46

St Mark's Lutheran

Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him and lead him away under guard.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

Hymn:

Were you there? V.3

BOP #233, CP #192, VU#144

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

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

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(A moment of silence follows the music.)

FEAR

St Mark's Lutheran

Reading

Mark 14: 55-59

St. Luke's Anglican

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Hymn

Were you there? V.4 BOP #233, CP #192, VU#144

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

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

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(A moment of silence follows the music.)

SHAME

St. Paul's Anglican

The People's Offering for the Work of Christ's Church

Rev. Barry Carr

Offertory Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

BOP #231, CP #386, VU#149

Offering Praise Song and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Dedication of the Offering

Reading

Mark 15: 15-20

St James Anglican

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again, they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

(A moment of silence follows the reading)

AGONY

St James Anglican

Hymn

Jesus, remember me (Taizé) BOP #206, CP #634, VU#148

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

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Reading

Mark 15: 22-25

Faith United

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read:
THE KING OF THE JEWS.

(A moment of silence follows the reading.)

HATE

Sydenham St. United

Reading

Mark 15: 34-37

St Andrews Presbyterian

And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he is calling Elijah.” Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let us see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

Hymn

Were you there? V.5

BOP #233, CP #192, VU#144

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(A moment of silence follows the music.)

DEATH

St Andrew's Presbyterian

Chancel Choir Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré

In the tradition of Good Friday services, the congregation leaves the worship area in silence. This signifies the fact that the service - and the story - is not finished, but will be completed on Easter morning.

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in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudonosaunee peoples.