

# Good Friday Prayer Service

April 10, 2020

## GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome

Pastor Kris

### Opening Song

**Call to Worship** (*based on John 19*)

One: When we are lost and lonely,

**All: Jesus, remember me.**

One: When worry threatens to crush our spirits,

**All: Jesus, remember me.**

One: When our words wound the people we love,

**All: Jesus, remember me.**

One: When we treat others with contempt and disdain,

**All: Jesus, remember me.**

One: When we come into God's kin-dom,

**All: Jesus, remember me. Welcome me home.**

### Opening Prayer

God, our journey brings us to the foot of the cross. Darkness is falling. The crowd is restless. The world cries out. Our hearts break. Your tears pierce the night. Stay with us, God, for we need you close at hand now more than ever. As death lingers near, give us the courage to be with you... and walk with you. Amen.

### Hymn #229

*Were You There*

verses 1-3

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

Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?  
Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?

## HEARING THE WORD

Sharing the Story

John 19:9b-16, CEB

Special Music

Continuing the Story

John 19:16b-18, 25b-30, CEB

**SHARING OUR LIVES****Call to Prayer—Sharing Our Grief and Loss**

*If you brought strips of paper and a pen with you to worship this evening, you are invited to write down who and/or what you have lost due to the novel coronavirus pandemic. You may also type prayers into the “chat” feature. Hold onto your prayers of grief and loss. Add to them in the upcoming weeks, maybe in a bowl or other container. In the future, as we and all of humanity heal and can gather once again, a Grief and Loss service will be held to acknowledge the pain and lament we have been suffering.*

**Moment of Musical Prayer****Tenebrae Liturgy**

**First Word:** “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)

*Silence*

**Second Word:** “Today, you shall be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

*Silence*

**Third Word:** “Woman, here is your son. (Friend) Here is your mother.” (John 19:26-27)

*Silence*

**Forth Word:** “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)

*Silence*

**Fifth Word:** “I thirst.” (John 19:28)

*Silence*

**Sixth Word:** “It is finished.” (John 19:30)

*Silence*

**Seventh Word:** “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” (Luke 23:46)

*Silence*

**GOING OUT TO THE WORLD****Witnessing the Story**

**John 19:31-37, CEB**

**Benediction**

*This evening’s blessing is the movement of our own bodies, minds, and spirits in this sacred, virtual space. Following our final hymn, please stay and sit here as long as you wish. Pray. Lament. Know that you are beloved of God.*

**Hymn #223****What Wondrous Love Is This**

**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 Christ should come in bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!**

*Please leave this sacred space in silence. Take the holiness of this in-between time, this place between death and new life, with you as we await the Good News that emerges on Easter morning.*