

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 P.M. *Commemorating the Crucifixion of our Lord* April 2, 2021

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

GATHERING

(Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the virtual sanctuary.)

PRELUDE

*"Above All" by Paul Baloche/Lenny LeBlanc
Debbie Holland & Chelsea Quinn – Vocal Duet*

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING

Where is the light that shines in the darkness? Where do we turn when all hope is lost?

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

All: We were the hollow echo of hosannas once spoken in love.

One: Were you in the garden when the disciples fell asleep?

All: We were the betrayal in Judas's kiss.

One: Were you in the courtyard when the cock crowed?

All: We were the denial on Peter's lips.

One: Were you among the scoffers when Jesus was flogged?

All: We were the whip in the soldier's hand.

One: Were you in Pilate's chamber when he washed his hands of Jesus' fate?

All: We were the hatred of the crowd, and the indifference in Pilate's heart.

One: Were you with the powers of this world when the soldiers dressed Jesus as a king?

All: We were the mockery in the crown of thorns.

One: Were you among the spectators at Golgotha?

All: We were the nails that pierced Jesus' hands and feet.

One: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

All: We were the silence when no bird sang.

OPENING HYMN

"Were You There" (verses 1, 2, 3) UMH # 288

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us pray and confess.

Gracious God, our Creator, we come into your presence, aware that our actions and our inaction, our words and our failure to speak, have hurt your heart and hurt the hearts of others. We seek your grace and forgiveness. We seek to be our best selves. As scripture says: "Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." In gratitude for this cleansing grace granted to us through Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We hold fast to the confession of our hope.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The First Word

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Luke 23:34

Pastor Jane Kim

Then Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**"

REFLECTION

Pastor Jane Kim

Community United Methodist Church -- Massapequa

HYMN

*"Mercy" by Susan Bental Boersma/Craig Courtney
CUMC Adult Choir*

The Second Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:43

By Pastor Akio Iyoda

He replied, "Truly I tell you, **today you will be with me in Paradise.**"

REFLECTION

Pastor Akio Iyoda

Merrick United Methodist Church

*HYMN

"Are Ye Able" (stanzas 1 & 2) UMH #530

The Third Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 19:26-27

Danny Gastelua

United Methodist Church of Farmingdale

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "**Woman, here is your son.**" Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

REFLECTION

Danny Gastelua

HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross" UMH #504

The Fourth Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 27:46 By Lori Janson, CLM

And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachtani?" that is, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**"

REFLECTION Lori Janson, CLM
Grace United Methodist Church – Lindenhurst

The Fifth Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:28 (By Pastor Wayne Redman)

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "**I am thirsty.**"

REFLECTION – Pastor Wayne Redman
Seaford United Methodist Church

*HYMN #159 "Lift High the Cross of Jesus"

The Sixth Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:30 (By Pastor Bob Leibold)
When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "**It is finished.**" Then he bowed his head and gave up the spirit.

REFLECTION – Pastor Bob Leibold
Simpson & Grace United Methodist Churches (Amityville & Lindenhurst)

The Seventh Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 23:46 (By Pastor Joseph Ewoodzie)

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**" Having said this, he breathed his last.

REFLECTION – Pastor Joseph Ewoodzie
Farmingdale United Methodist Church

HYMN "At the Cry of the First Bird" words Irish Poetry/music David W. Guion
Paige Hardison – Vocal Soloist

A TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

One: In hope, go out in the name of the one who created you.

All: In peace, we go out in the way of Jesus.

One: In love, go out in healing presence of God's Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

HYMN BLESSING "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris/Arr. Craig Courtney
Vocal Solo - Debbie Holland

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to all of you for gracing us with your presence in this sacred Good Friday remembrance of Jesus' final words on the cross. It comes to you as a virtual recording on YouTube, Facebook and Channel 20 Public Access on Tuesday morning at 6 AM and Wednesday morning at 8 AM.

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Pastor Joseph Ewoodzie	Farmingdale United Methodist Church

Thank you to the Worship Teams of the County-Line Cooperative Parish



*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?" (John 11:25, 26)*

*Best Wishes for a Glorious Celebration
Of
The Resurrection
Of
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

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