

GOOD FRIDAY  
Friday, March 21, 2008

## "WERE YOU THERE"

### MUSICAL PRELUDE

\* HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

We gather tonight before the cross in sorrow and in shame. We look for forgiveness, strength and mercy - though we know we deserve none.

**We gather to remember how it was the day that our Savior died to remember, to mourn, and to try to understand what happened that day, the day that Jesus showed the depth of his love for us by suffering and dying in our place.**

Let us pray -- Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of our crucified Lord.

**He died for our sins.**

We watch with horror as we see him hanging on the cross

**He died for our sins.**

We see the evil in the world around him.

**He died for our sins.**

We, too, Father, have denied our Lord.

**He died for our sins.**

We, too, have betrayed our Lord.

**He died for our sins. Forgive us, Lord, and love us still. Amen.**

### READING of the GOSPEL

Matthew 27:15-36

### ANTHEM

Lord Be Glorified

### REFLECTION

### FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)  
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?*

### REFLECTION

### SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)  
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?*

REFLECTION

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)  
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?*

REFLECTION

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)  
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?*

REFLECTION

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)  
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?*

REFLECTION

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)  
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?*

READING of the GOSPEL

Mark 15:25-37, John 19:38-42

SEVENTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)  
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?*

*Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh . . .  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh . . .*

*Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**READING of the GOSPEL**

John 19:38-42

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there)  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh . . .  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

**DEPARTING PRAYER** (responsive)

Lord, as we depart tonight help us reflect in our hearts upon who you are and what you have done for us. Help us to understand - and understanding, to accept your love and your forgiveness.

**Make us a people who have your faith and your courage during the time of darkness, a people who, like you, walk in humble obedience to the Father's will. Amen**

**ALL DEPART IN SILENCE**