



Saint Paul and Northside
 United Methodist Church
 Service of Tenebrae for Good Friday

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The true light has come into the world, and we loved the darkness, instead of the light.

Let us pray together the Lord's prayer.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Reading of the Passion Story

John 18:1b-14 (CEB)
 "Were You There" (vs. 1) Hymnal no. 288

John 18:15-27
 "Were You There" (vs. 2)

John 18:28-19:8
 When Pilate says, "Here is the man," the narrator will then say, "The crowd shouted," and then all present will shout together, "**Crucify him, crucify him!**"

"Were You There" (vs. 3)

John 19:9-18
 "Were You There" (vs. 4)

John 19:19-30
 "Were You There" (vs. 5)

John 19:31-42

Reflection

Isaiah 53

Anthem "Look to the Cross" Schram
 Chancel Choir

During the music, you may come forward to contemplate the cross and pray confession for forgiveness.

The service ends in silence.

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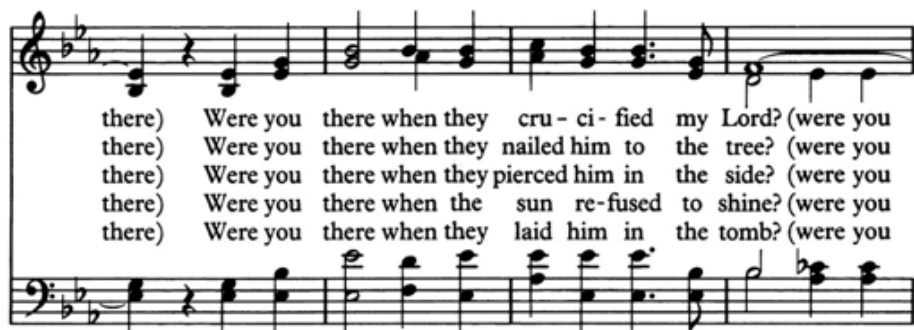
Thank you to Rev. Tony Harder, Anna Goldston, Tracey Biggers, and Chelsea Biggers for leading worship.

This most solemn of days should be marked by fasting, abstinence, and penance, leading us to focus on Jesus upon the cross. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The candles being extinguished symbolizes the Light of Christ leaving the world. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the cross. The faithful need to be mindful of the part which our own sin plays in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

Were You There



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 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (were you
 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you



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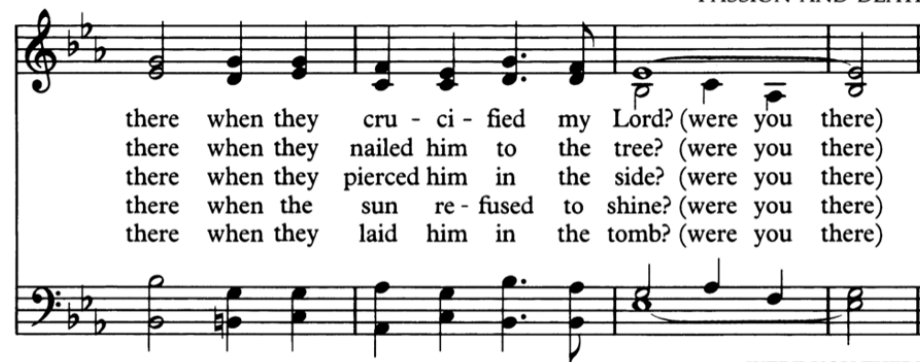
Refrain



there) Oh! some-times it caus - es



me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you



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