



Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ, God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!



Good Friday Worship

April 3, 2026

It's a beautiful paradox that the most tragic event in human history – the death of God – is acknowledged on a day we call “Good Friday.” Perhaps it feels odd to call the celebration of a death “good.” However, hear what St. Paul says happens on this day: “God...reconcile(d) to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” God made eternal peace with you and with all the broken creation. Not only is that GOOD news, it's the BEST news.

All enter the church in silence.

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD,” they say,
“let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.”

⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.

¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷ All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.

¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543 vs. 1&3

1 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 caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

3 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.

Liturgy

I Women **II** Men

P In the beginning...

I *was the word*

II *and the word was with God*

C **and the word was God. He was with God in the beginning.**

P In him was life,

I *and that life was the light of all mankind.*

II *The light shines in the darkness*

C **And the darkness has not overcome it.** (*John 1:1-2,4-5*)

L At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. (*Mark 15:33*)

Holy Gospel

John 18-19 (The Voice)

When Jesus finished praying, he began a brief journey with his disciples to the other side of the Kidron Valley, a deep ravine that floods in the winter rains, then farther on to a garden where he gathered his disciples.

²⁻³ Judas Iscariot (who had already set his betrayal in motion and knew that Jesus often met with the disciples in this olive grove) entered the garden with an entourage of Roman soldiers and officials sent by the chief priests and Pharisees. They brandished

their weapons under the light of torches and lamps. ⁴ Jesus stepped forward. It was clear he was not surprised because he knew all things.

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

☐ Judas's entourage said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

Jesus: I Am.

Judas, the betrayer, stood with the military force. ⁶ As Jesus spoke "I Am," the forces fell back on the ground. ⁷ Jesus asked them a second time:

Jesus: Whom are you searching for?

☐ Judas's entourage said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

Jesus: ⁸ I have already said that I Am. If you are looking for me, then let these men go free.

⁹ This happened to fulfill the promise he made that none of those entrusted to him will be lost. ¹⁰ Suddenly Peter lunged toward Malchus, one of the high priest's servants; and with his sword, Peter severed the man's right ear.

Jesus (to Peter): ¹¹ Put down your sword, and return it to the sheath. Am I to turn away from the cup the Father has given me to drink?

¹² So the Roman commander, soldiers, and Jewish officials arrested Jesus, cuffed his hands and feet, ¹³ and brought him to Annas (the father-in-law of Caiaphas the high priest). ¹⁴ You may remember that Caiaphas counseled the Jews that one should die for all people. ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Simon Peter and another disciple followed behind Jesus. When they arrived, Peter waited in the doorway while the other disciple was granted access because of his relationship with the high priest. That disciple spoke to the woman at the door, and Peter was allowed inside.

☐ The servant girl said to Peter, "You are one of this man's disciples, aren't you?"

Peter: I am not.

¹⁸ All the servants and officers gathered around a charcoal fire to keep warm. It was a cold day, and Peter made his way into the circle to warm himself.

C **Annas said to Jesus, “Who are your disciples, and what do you teach?”**

Jesus: ²⁰ *I have spoken in public where the world can hear, always teaching in the synagogue and in the temple where the Jewish people gather. I have never spoken in secret.* ²¹ *So why would you need to interrogate me? Many have heard me teach. Why don't you question them? They know what I have taught.*

²² While Jesus offered his response, an officer standing nearby struck Jesus with his hand.

C **The officer said “Is that how you speak to the high priest?”**

Jesus: ²³ *If I have spoken incorrectly, why don't you point out the untruths that I speak? Why do you hit me if what I have said is correct?*

²⁴ Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas bound as a prisoner. ²⁵ As this was happening, Peter was still warming himself by the fire.

C **A servant said, “You, too, are one of his disciples, aren't you?”**

Peter: *No, I am not.*

²⁶ One of the high priest's servants who was related to *Malchus*—the person Peter *attacked and* cut off his ear—*recognized Peter.*

C **The High Priest's servant said, “Didn't I see you in the garden with him?”**

²⁷ Peter denied it again, and instantly a rooster crowed.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 vs. 1&2

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Holy Gospel

Mark 14:66-72

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

⁶⁸ But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.

⁶⁹ When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those

standing around, “This fellow is one of them.”⁷⁰ Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”⁷¹ He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”⁷² Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

2 Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

⁵⁷ But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰ Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

Homily

Holy Gospel

²⁸ Before the sun had risen, Jesus was taken from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. The Jewish leaders would not enter the palace because their presence in a Roman office would defile them and cause them to miss the Passover feast. Pilate, the governor, met them outside.

C Pilate said, "What charges do you bring against this man?"

Priests and Officials: ³⁰ *If he weren't a lawbreaker, we wouldn't have brought him to you.*

C Pilate said, ³¹ "Then judge him yourselves, by your own law."

Jews: *Our authority does not allow us to give him the death penalty.*

³² All these things were a fulfillment of the words Jesus had spoken indicating the way that he would die. ³³ So Pilate reentered the governor's palace and called for Jesus to follow him.

☐ Pilate said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus: ³⁴ *Are you asking me because you believe this is true, or have others said this about me?*

☐ Pilate said, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your people, including the chief priests, have arrested you and placed you in my custody. What have you done?"

Jesus: ³⁶ *My kingdom is not recognized in this world. If this were my kingdom, my servants would be fighting for my freedom. But my kingdom is not in this physical realm.*

☐ Pilate said, "So you are a king?"

Jesus: You say that I am king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the cosmos: to demonstrate the power of truth. Everyone who seeks truth hears my voice.

☐ Pilate said to Jesus, "What is truth?"

Pilate left Jesus to go and speak to the Jewish people.

☐ Pilate said to the Jewish leaders: "I have not found any cause for charges to be brought against this man. ³⁹ Your custom is that I should release a prisoner to you each year in honor of the Passover celebration; shall I release the King of the Jews to you?"

Jews: ⁴⁰ *No, not this man! Give us Barabbas!*

You should know that Barabbas was a terrorist.

Lamb of God

LSB 550

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

Refrain

***O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

Stand

Holy Gospel

Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted thorny branches together as a crown and placed it onto his brow and wrapped him in a purple cloth. ³ They drew near to him, shouting:

Soldiers (striking at Jesus): Bow down, everyone! This is the King of the Jews!

☐ Pilate went to the crowd and said, “Listen, I stand in front of you with this man to make myself clear: I find this man innocent of any crimes.”

⁵ Then Jesus was paraded out before the people, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

☐ Pilate said, “Here is the man!”

Chief Priests and Officers (shouting): ⁶ Crucify, crucify!

☐ Pilate said, “You take him and crucify him; I have declared him not guilty of any punishable crime!”

Jews: ⁷ Our law says that he should die because he claims to be the Son of God.

⁸ Pilate was terrified to hear the Jews making their claims for his execution; ⁹ so he retired to his court, the Praetorium.

C Pilate said to Jesus, “Where are you from?”

Jesus did not speak.

C Pilate said, “How can you ignore me? Are you not aware that I have the authority either to free you or to crucify you?”

Jesus: ¹¹ Any authority you have over me comes from above, not from your political position. Because of this, the one who handed me to you is guilty of the greater sin.

¹² Pilate listened to Jesus’ words. Taking them to heart, he attempted to release Jesus; but the Jews opposed him, shouting:

Jews: If you release this man, you have betrayed Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king threatens Caesar’s throne.

¹³ After Pilate heard these accusations, he sent Jesus out and took his seat in the place where he rendered judgment. This place was called the Pavement, or Gabbatha in Hebrew. ¹⁴ All this occurred at the sixth hour on the day everyone prepares for the Passover.

C Pilate said to the Jews, “Look, here is your King!”

Jews: ¹⁵ Put him away; crucify him!

C Pilate said, “You want me to crucify your King?”

Chief Priests: We have no king but Caesar!

¹⁶ Pilate handed him over to his soldiers, knowing that he would be crucified. ¹⁷ They sent Jesus out carrying his own instrument of execution, the cross, to a hill known as the Place of the Skull, or Golgotha in Hebrew. ¹⁸ In that place, they crucified him along with two others. One was on his right and the other on his left.

¹⁹ Pilate ordered that a plaque be placed above Jesus’ head. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Because the site was near an urban region, it was written in three languages (Greek, Latin, and Hebrew) so that all could understand.

C The Chief Priests said to Pilate, “Don’t write, ‘The King of the Jews.’ Write, ‘he said, “I am King of the Jews!””

Pilate: ²² I have written what I have written.

²³ As Jesus was being crucified, the soldiers tore his outer garments into four pieces, one for each of them. They wanted to do the same with his tunic, but it was seamless—one piece of fabric woven from the top down. ²⁴ So they said,

***Soldier** (to other soldiers): Don't tear it. Let's cast lots, and the winner will take the whole thing.*

This happened in keeping with the Hebrew Scriptures, which said, “They divided my outer garments and cast lots for my clothes.” These soldiers did exactly what was foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures. ²⁵ Jesus' mother was standing next to his cross along with her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ Jesus looked to see his mother and the disciple he loved standing nearby.

C Jesus said to his mother Mary, “Dear woman, this is your son!” ²⁷ And he said to the disciple he loved, “This is now your mother.”

Now you know who “the beloved disciple” is: the last eyewitness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Mary has become family to John, fulfilling the dying wish of Jesus, his Savior. For those who are gathered at the foot of the cross, family is less about blood kinship than it is about covenant obedience.

The mother of the Lord will serve the redemptive purposes of her son and the Savior of the world until her last day on earth. Anyone feeling sorry for himself should think about Jesus. He spent all this time before his death, and through his death, demonstrating how to love and how to serve. He is asking John to do no more in serving Mary than he did in serving us.

From that moment, the disciple treated her like his own mother and welcomed her into his house. ²⁸ Jesus knew now that his work had been accomplished, and the Hebrew Scriptures were being fulfilled.

C Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

²⁹ A jar of sour wine had been left there, so they took a hyssop branch with a sponge soaked in the vinegar and put it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus drank, He spoke:

C It is finished!

The Tree of Life

LSB 561 v.3&4

(tune 550)

- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head!
- 4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in his name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

Holy Gospel

In that moment, his head fell; and he gave up the spirit. ³¹ The Jews asked Pilate to have their legs broken so the bodies would not remain on the crosses on the Sabbath. It was the day of preparation for the Passover, and that year the Passover fell on the Sabbath. ³² The soldiers came and broke the legs of both the men crucified next to Jesus. ³³ When they came up to Jesus' cross, they could see that he was dead; so they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one soldier took his spear and pierced his abdomen, which brought a gush of blood and water.

³⁵ This testimony is true. In fact, it is an eyewitness account; and he has reported what he saw so that you also may believe. ³⁶ It happened this way to fulfill the Hebrew Scriptures that "not one of His bones shall be broken"; ³⁷ and the Hebrew Scriptures also say, "They will look upon Him whom they pierced."

³⁸ After all this, Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple who kept his faith a secret for fear of the Jewish officials, made a request to Pilate for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted his request, and Joseph retrieved

the body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who first came to Jesus under the cloak of darkness, brought over 100 pounds of myrrh and ointments for his burial. ⁴⁰ Together, they took Jesus' body and wrapped him in linens soaked in essential oils and spices, according to Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ Near the place he was crucified, there was a garden with a newly prepared tomb. ⁴² Because it was the day of preparation, they arranged to lay Jesus in this tomb so they could rest on the Sabbath.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

Prayer

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you willed that your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Lamb

LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,

O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,

One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill.

Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.

Refrain

Old Testament Liturgy

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

L See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals –

C So he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

L Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

C For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

L He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

C Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

L But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open

his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

L By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

C **They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

L Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

C **When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.**

L Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

C Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Approaching of the Cross

“We know,” Paul tells us in Romans 6:6, “that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed.” You are invited to approach the cross to nail a symbol of your old nature to the Tree of Life. In this act we:

- ❖ *Remember the incomprehensible sacrifice made by Jesus the Son of Adam*
- ❖ *Acknowledge that we die with him so that God may give us newness of life*
- ❖ *Celebrate that when Christ’s death is our own it is truly Good Friday*

The Warrior

John and Toni Peterson

Were You There?

LSB 456 v. 1-2

- 1 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?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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?

During the second verse, the final candle is taken out from the sanctuary as the lights are completely turned off. After a brief time, a loud noise (strep itus) symbolizes the closing of the tomb, earthquake at the time of Christ's death, and the "closing of the book" of Jesus' sacrifice. After the loud noise, the candle is returned to its place on the altar, symbolizing that our redemption is complete.

Benediction

P By his stripes we are healed.

By his wounds, we are made whole.

Go in the name of Jesus Christ.

And live in the salvation made possible by the Goodness of this Friday.

C Amen.

Were You There

LSB 456 v.3

3 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 laid him in the tomb?

The congregation leaves the church in silence.



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