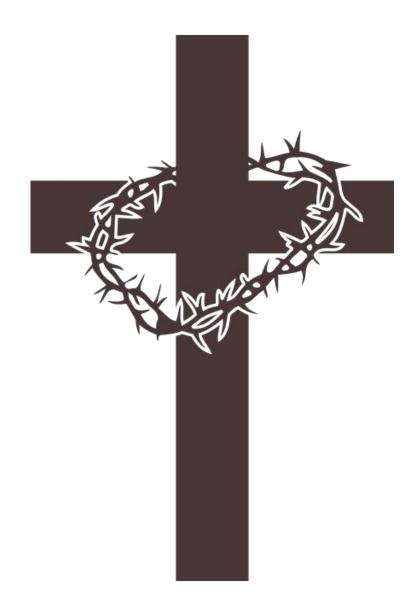
OUR MISSION: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ

OUR VISION: To reach out and invite our neighbors to Encounter God \cdot Grow in Faith \cdot Serve in Christ's Love



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Good Friday

*Responsive Reading:

Leader: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

People: We were the hollow echo of hosannas once spoken in

love.

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

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

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

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

Leader: Were you with the powers of this world that dressed Jesus

as a king?

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

Leader: Were you among the spectators at Golgotha?

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

Leader: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

People: We were the silence when no bird sang.

Scripture

First Reading: Luke 22:39-53

Second Reading: John 18:12-14

Third Reading: Luke 22:54b-62

"Good Friday" UMH 284

Fourth Reading: John 18:19-24

Fifth Reading: Matthew 27:1-2

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" UMH 290

Sixth Reading: Matthew 27:3-10

Seventh Reading: John 18:33-38

Eighth Reading: Matthew 27:13-24

"What Wondrous Love is This"

UMH 292

Ninth Reading: Matthew 27:26-31

Tenth Reading: John 19:19-22

"Behold the Savior of Mankind" UMH 293

Eleventh Reading: Luke 23:35, 39-43

Twelfth Reading: Mark 15:33-36

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH 298

Thirteenth Reading: Matthew 27:50-51

Fourteenth Reading: Mark 15:38-39

Prayer of Confession

(In unison)

Holy Mystery, our faith stands upon a knife's edge. We long to stand up for what we believe, but it is easier to wash our hands of responsibility and to blame others for our inaction. We yearn to take a principled and courageous stand, but it is easier to defer to the judgements of others and simply go with the crowd. Forgive us, O God, and help us find our courage amidst the dying of the light.

Amen