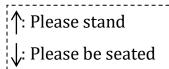


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## Good Friday April 18, 2025 7:30 PM



As God's gathered people, our attention tonight is focused solely on the passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Our worship attempts to symbolize the desolation of Jesus' crucifixion and death. The altar is bare symbolizing how Jesus was stripped of all dignity by the mockery of His trial. The rough-hewn cross is the center for our attention. The service will conclude in darkness and silence. This will be contrasted by the brilliance and joy of the Easter festival. As you gather on this evening, keep one thought firmly in mind: Jesus Christ, an innocent man, died for you and for your sin.

#### **Silent Meditation**

# Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of the Day Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

**ELW 345** 

Please be seated.

## <u> LGOSPEL READING</u>: Matthew 27: 32-44

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God

deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

# + "Father, forgive them." +

L: Jesus said, "anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life,

C: and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life."

L: For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

C: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:32-38

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

## <u>Hymn</u>

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** 

**ELW 803** 

## + "Today, you will be with Me in paradise." +

- L: And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
- C: God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
- L: He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.
- C: He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:39-43

 $^{39}\text{One}$  of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"  $^{40}\text{But}$  the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?  $^{41}\text{And}$  we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done

nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

<u>Hymn</u>

Just As I Am ELW 592

## + "Behold your son ... Behold your mother." +

L: For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all;

C: therefore all have died.

L: And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,

C: but for him who died and was raised for them.

L: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,

C: so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### GOSPEL READING: John 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots."

<sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

<u>Hymn</u>

What Wondrous Love is This

**ELW 666** 

## + "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" +

L: See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

C: Rather, your iniquities have been barriers between you and your God,

L: and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

- C: The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.
- L: He saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene;
- C: so his own arm brought him victory, and his righteousness upheld him.

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 27:38-49

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

## <u>Hymn</u>

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

**ELW 335** 

## + "I thirst." +

- L: He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
- C: and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.
- L: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
- C: yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
- L: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
- C: upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
- L: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
- C: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### GOSPEL READING: John 19:28-29

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

## <u>Hymn</u>

## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

**ELW 337** 

## + "It is finished!" +

- L: Jesus did not offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;
- C: for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world.
- L: But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- C: And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment,
- L: so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
- C: will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.
- C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

### <u>Hymn</u>

#### O Sacred Head Now Wounded

**ELW 351** 

## GOSPEL READING: John 19:30-37

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

"Surely This Was the Son of God"

Choplin

Senior Choir

## + "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." +

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:44-46

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### <u>Hymn</u>

Were You There ELW 353

#### **GOSPEL READING**: Luke 23:47-56

<sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

<sup>50</sup>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup>had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

## <u>Hvmn</u>

Ah, Holy Jesus ELW 349

- L: 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,
- L: although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- C: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
- L: When you make his life an offering for sin,
- C: 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.
- C: The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
- C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

#### **Hymn**

Jesus, Remember Me (sung 3 times)

**ELW 616** 

## Bidding Prayer

Kneel or remain seated. Silence follows each petition.

- A: Let us pray brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all the nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the church. Help it persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Let us pray for our Bishops, Pastors, and other ministers in the church, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism that God make them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your children and keep them in the faith and communion of your Holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather together in one church all those who know Christ as Lord.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us in one fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah and their posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church that the people you first made your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us your people to grow in the love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Gospel, so we may become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger and disease.
- P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask...
- C: 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

*Silence for meditation as the cross is brought forth.* 

- P: Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
- C: O come let us worship Him.
- P: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty act of ultimate love.
- C: For by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.
- P: God be gracious to us and bless us;
- C: and make your face shine upon us.
- P: Let your ways be made know on earth;
- **C**: your liberating power among all nations.
- P: We adore you O Christ! We glory in your cross and praise you for your mighty act of ultimate love.
- C: By your cross you have redeemed the world. For by virtue of your cross, joy has come into our world.
- P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray to you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for you live and reign now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, may we know your love for us, that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

## **Adoration of the Cross**

During this time, you may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

Following the Adoration, the sanctuary is darkened. The congregation is asked to sit quietly in the darkened sanctuary.

Please depart in silence when sanctuary lights are turned on.



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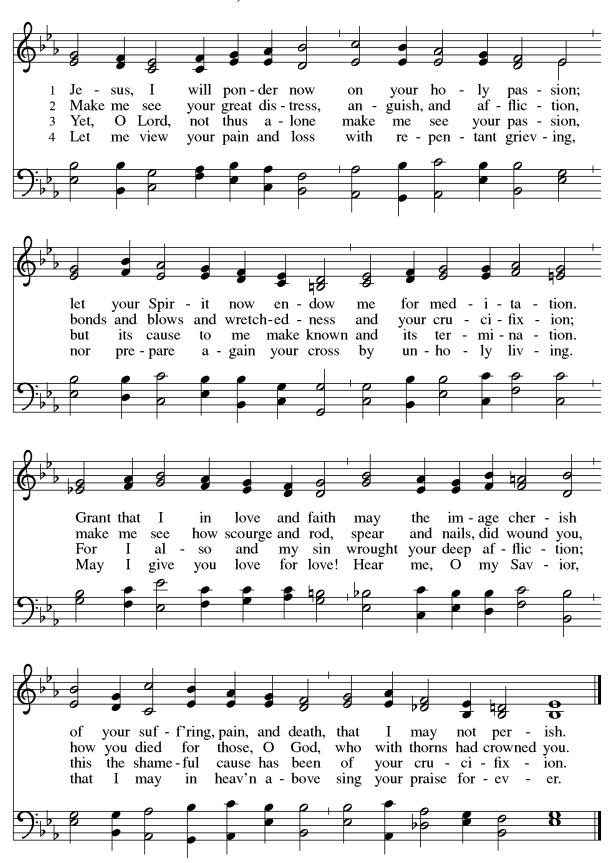
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## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



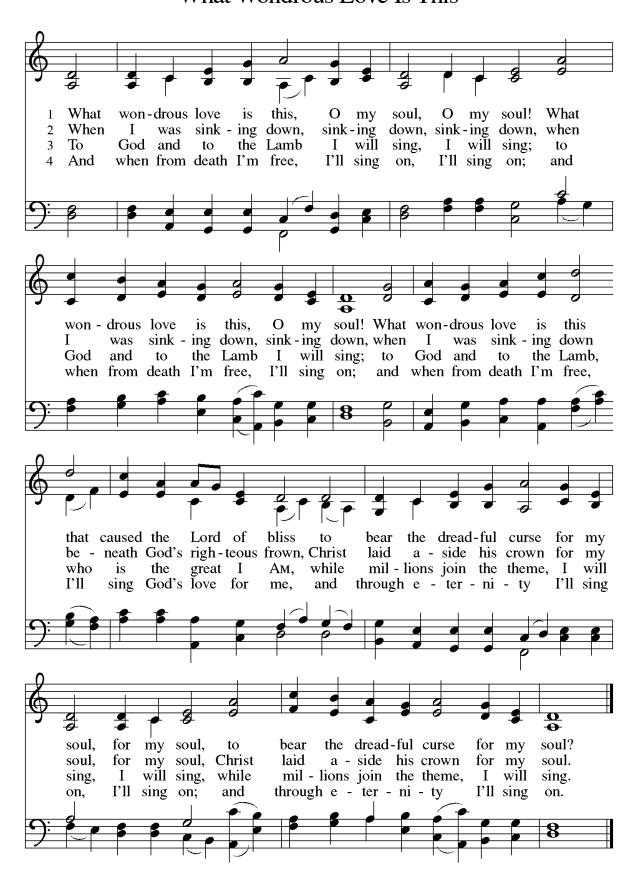
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# Just As I Am, without One Plea



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## What Wondrous Love Is This



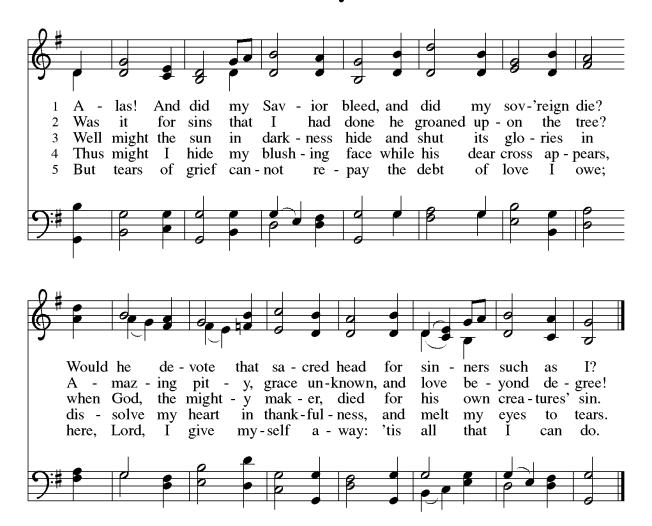
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# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

# Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



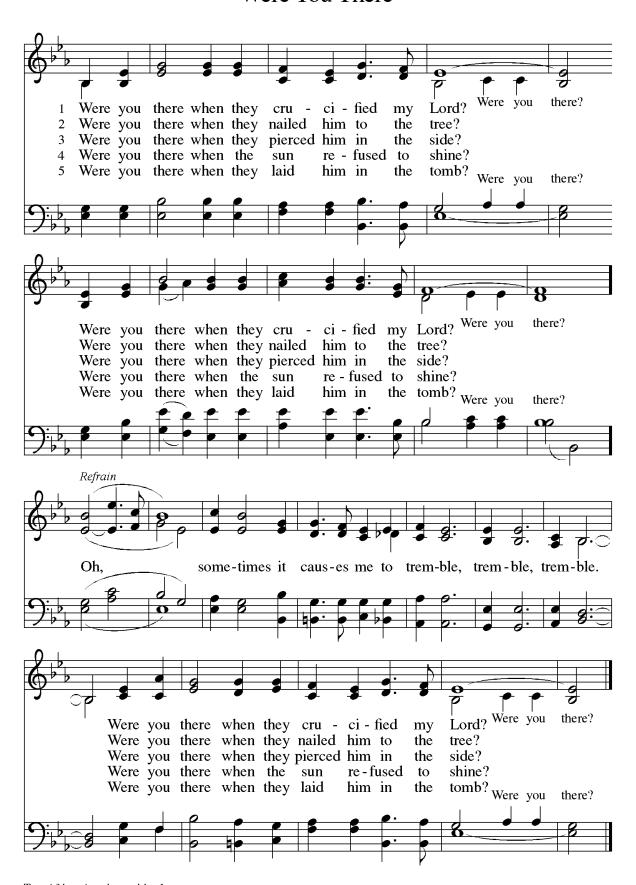
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Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



## Were You There



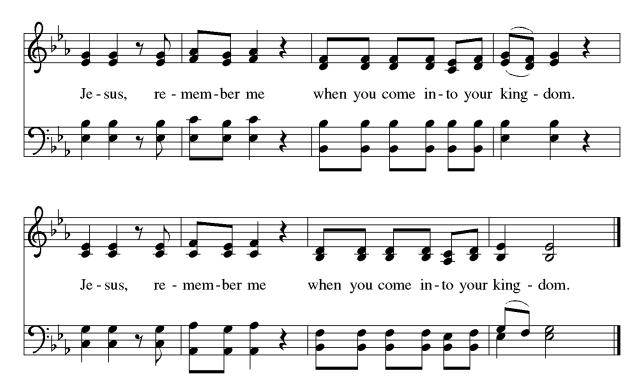
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## Ah, Holy Jesus



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

# Jesus, Remember Me



Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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