

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters.
I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink.
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not
clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One,
have mercy upon us**

HYMN #288 *Were You There*

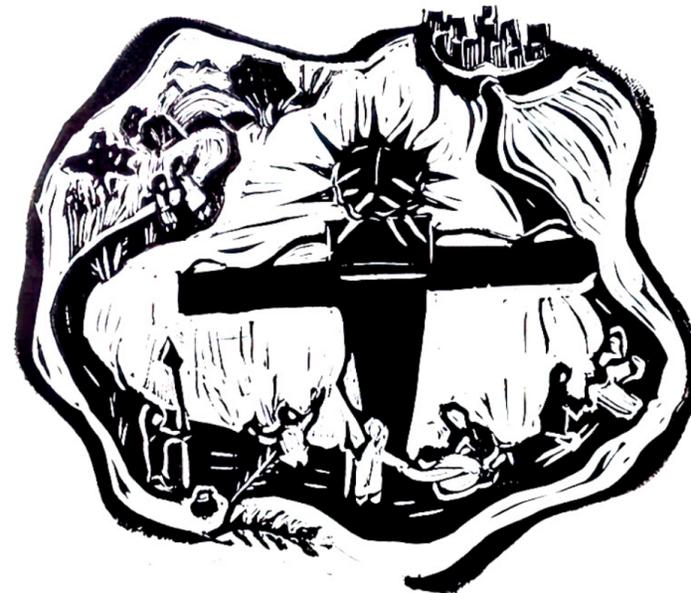
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?...
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?...
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?...
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Please depart in silence.



GOOD FRIDAY

7pm, April 15, 2022

GREETING

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God.
Who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for the salvation of all, Christ became obedient unto
death, even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

HYMN #297 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and ever-living God, by the suffering and death of Jesus you save us from Adam's fall. Grant in your mercy that we may be drawn to Christ lifted high on the cross, and by his redeeming love be raised to everlasting life with him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

RESPONSE

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

RESPONSE

O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood did redeem us: **Help, save, pity, and defend us, we pray, O Lord.**

HYMN #287 *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*

O Love divine, what has thou done! The immortal God hath died for me!
The Father's coeternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree.
The immortal God for me hath died! My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God.
Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.
Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace!
Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, "Was ever grief like his?"
Come, feel with me his blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

DEVOTIONS AT THE CROSS

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

O my people, O my Church,
what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God...

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna:
I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God...

What more could I have done for you that I have not done?

I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

Holy God...

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

Holy God...

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

Holy God...

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

Holy God...

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and in me,
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

Holy God...

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel,
but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

Holy God...