

# Order of Worship

*Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa*  
*[FB Live](#) streaming worship from Pastor Jayne and Jack's home*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW – red book)*

**Good Friday**

**10 April 2020 (7:00 pm)**

## **Welcome and announcements**

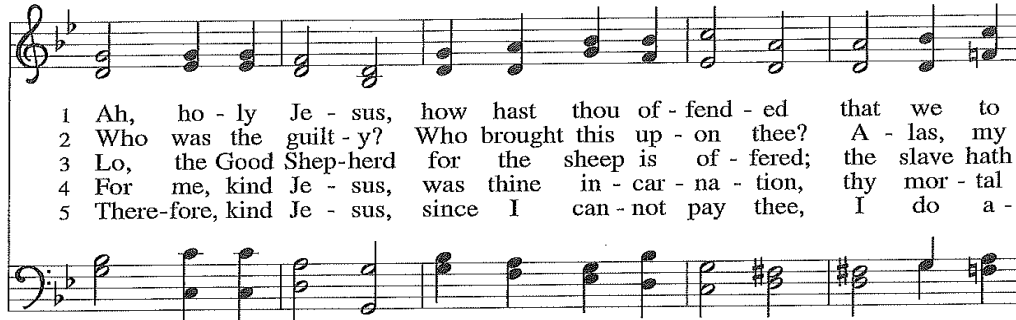
*In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. While Easter is every Sunday, these Three Days are like one great annual Sunday. But because of the pandemic, we cannot do these important services together in church. While Easter is a joyful festival, we keep it now in a time of difficulty and worldwide sorrow. Still, we believe that Christ is with us in his word, by his Spirit drawing us together as one before God. And we believe that the gospel of Christ gives us strength amid distress and comfort in the face of our sufferings.*

## **Invitation to Good Friday by the Pastor**

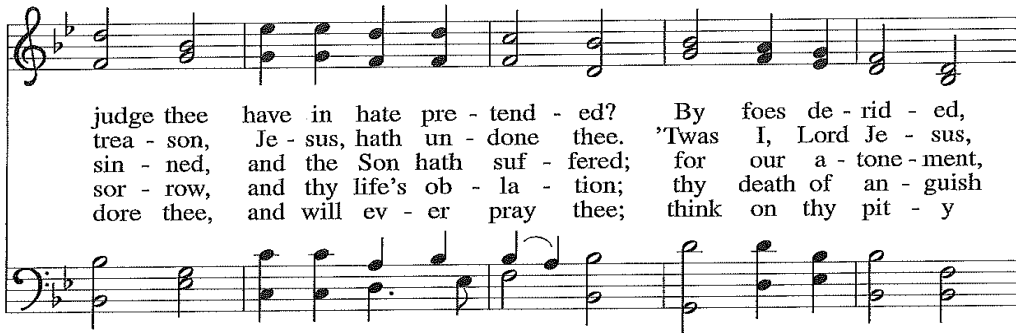
**P** The service continues from Maundy Thursday evening. Jesus has been betrayed by Peter. Jesus had asked his followers to remain with him and pray. We wait and pray.

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## Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## Prayer for this Night:

**P** Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and 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.

## Word

**Jack:** *The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.*

**A reading from Isaiah, chapter 52, verse 13 continuing through chapter 53, verse 12**

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup>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 —

<sup>15</sup>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.  
Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>53:2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
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.

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 22, sung**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

**<sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;  
by night, but I | find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the | Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

**<sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their | trust in you,  
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and | were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

**<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh | me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

**<sup>8</sup>“Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.

**<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,  
and there is no | one to help.

**<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls en- | circle me;  
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their | jaws at me, like a slashing and | roaring lion.

**<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

**<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;  
they pierce my hands | and my feet.**

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones  
while they stare at | me and gloat.

**<sup>18</sup>They divide my gar- | ments among them;  
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, be not | far away;  
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

**<sup>20</sup>Deliver me | from the sword,  
my life from the power | of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the | lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

**<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name | to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

**<sup>24</sup>For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor | in their  
poverty; neither is the Lord 's face hid- | den from them;**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs | to the Lord,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!"

**Gospel: Matthew 26:57-27:66** (continued from Palm Sunday)

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P** Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' " <sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

**Jack** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." <sup>71</sup>When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

**P** When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup>He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup>Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." <sup>7</sup>After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. <sup>8</sup>For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

**Jack** Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

**P** Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

**Jack** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**P** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**Jack** 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.

**P** 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." <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

<sup>55</sup>Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

**Jack** When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

**P** The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.



**P** The Gospel of the Lord!  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ!

## Homily

### Hymn of the Day:

“*Jesus, Remember Me*” (ELW 616)

616

## Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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### Prayers of Intercession

**P** Dear members of God’s family:

We pray for the church throughout the world...

Holy and merciful God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**Jack** We pray for our bishops – *Elizabeth and Michael*, all pastors and deacons of our Cedar River Conference, all ministers and servants of the global church, and for all the people of God throughout the world...

Holy and merciful God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Preserve them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**P** We pray for those preparing for baptism...

Holy and merciful God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**Jack** We pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God...

Holy and merciful God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah and your teaching to Moses, Aaron and Miriam. Hear our prayers that the people you called beloved as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**P** In the name of Christ, let us pray for those around the world who share many and varied faith stories.

Holy and merciful God, gather into your wide embrace all those who call out to you by different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**Jack** We pray for those who are dealing with the global pandemic...

Holy and merciful God, you promise to sustain us in times of trouble and to walk with us through the forests of beauty and the valleys marked by the shadows of death. In your boundless compassion, uphold health care workers, nursing care attendants, first responders, sanitation workers, and all who are working to support and sustain others in the midst of this health crisis. Empower us to help them as we are able. **Amen.**

*A brief silence.*

**P** We pray for God's creation...

Holy and merciful God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**Jack** We pray for those who serve in public office...

Holy and merciful God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed; the widows orphans and refugees. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**P** We pray for those in any need...

Holy and merciful God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*A brief silence.*

**Jack** And we pray for all afflicted by the coronavirus...

Holy and merciful God, your healing love surrounds us all. Be with those who are in hospitals, whether they are in rooms or hallways, in the ER of the ICU, or on ventilators. Comfort those who are living with the virus at home. Encourage and support those who give care at home and those who give comfort and aid. Particularly, O God, give comfort to those dying alone, strength to the solo staff members who are with thy dying and abundant consolation who are not able to be with their loved ones in the ways they once were able. **Amen.**

*A brief silence.*

**P** Finally, we pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask. Remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Veneration of the Cross**

**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

**Jack** Oh, come, let us worship the Holy Lamb of God.

(Repeat 3 times – once may be enough if no true procession, but the significant of 3 is good too)

## Hymn:

“Were You There” (ELW 353)

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## Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

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 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 re - fused to shine?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

*Refrain*  
 Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
 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 re - fused to shine?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

*The strepitus is sounded, a loud noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake.*

- P** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**C** By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
- P** The light shines in the darkness  
**C** And the darkness did not overcome it.