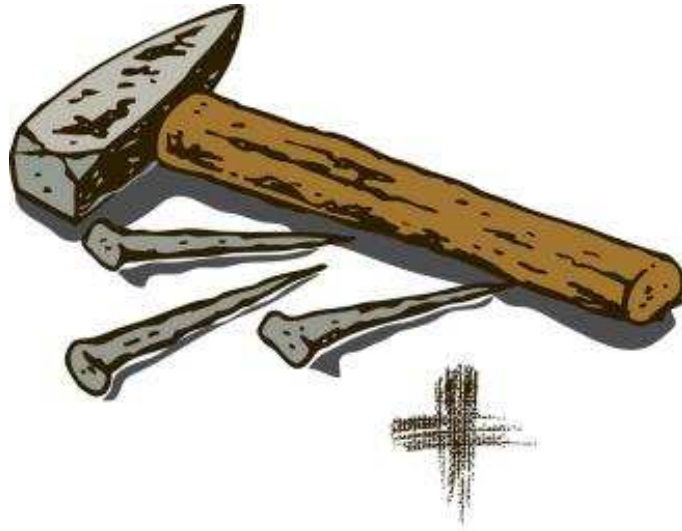


GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

“The Nails of the Cross”

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Sun City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

“Bible Centered, Christ Focused”

Within each of us lies the longing for God. Our goal is to provide a welcoming place to find peace with God, through careful study of His word with hearts focused on its ultimate hope, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are united by His Spirit to provide a safe and positive community of faith - a spiritual family - serving our Lord.

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MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Dr. Steve Minor

Let us now prepare in silence to worship our God.....

THE APPROACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 52:13-15

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

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-- 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.

◇ HYMN:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAYER OF APPROACH

L: Let us pray.

P: O merciful God, you did not spare your only Son, but offered him up for us all, that he might bear our sins upon the cross. Grant that we might so examine ourselves that we realize our own sinfulness, so great as to spiritually crucify him anew. Help us to recognize those nails which we drive into his cross today, and transform us into more faithful disciples in his name. Amen.

THE NAILS OF THE CROSS

THE NAIL OF PRIDE

MARK 12:38-40

- Extinguishing the Light - Hammer the Nail of Pride into the cross

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

L: O God - help us consider our own pride and where it leads.

P: O God - do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our pride hurts us and creates walls between us and others.

L: O God, we know too that our pride hurts you.

Sung Response (and Chorus)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

* Chorus Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they crucified my Lord.

THE NAIL OF BETRAYAL

MATTHEW 26:47-56

- Extinguishing the Light - Hammer the Nail of Betrayal into the cross

Sung Response (and chorus)

Were you there when he walked the road alone?

Were you there when he walked the road alone?

* Chorus Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when he walked the road alone?

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

L: O God - help us consider how we betray others, how we abandon them in their time of need, how we think of ourselves first.

P: O God - do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our acts of betrayal hurt us and create walls between us and others.

L: O God, we know too that our betrayal hurts you.

THE NAIL OF ENVY

MATTHEW 20:20-28

- Extinguishing the Light - Hammer the Nail of Envy into the cross

Sung Response (and chorus)

Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?

Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?

* Chorus Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

L: O God - help us consider how we envy others, how we desire more than we receive and seek to influence and rule over others.

P: O God - do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our envy hurts us and creates walls between us and others.

L: O God, we know too that our envy hurts you.

THE NAIL OF INDECISION

MATTHEW 27:20-24

- Extinguishing the Light - Hammer the Nail of Indecision into the cross

Sung Response (and chorus)

Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

* Chorus Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

L: O God - help us consider how we waver, how we seek to avoid responsibility and to blame others for our actions.

P: O God - do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our indecision hurts us and creates walls between us and others.

L: O God, we know too that our indecision hurts you.

Solo

“Feel the Nails”

THE NAIL OF CRUELTY

MATTHEW 27:27-31, 39-42

- Extinguishing the Light - Hammer the Nail of Cruelty into the cross

Sung Response (and chorus)

Were you there when they mocked the son of God?

Were you there when they mocked the son of God?

* Chorus: Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they mocked the son of God?

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

L: O God - help us consider how we are cruel to others, how we malign and slander others and add to the evil that comes upon them.

P: O God - do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our cruelty hurts us and creates walls between us and others.

L: O God, we know too that our cruelty hurts you.

THE NAIL OF HATRED

LUKE 6:22, 32-35

- Extinguishing the Light - Hammer the Nail of Hatred into the cross

Sung Response (and chorus)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

* Chorus: Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

L: O God - help us consider how we show hate to others, how we fail to care for others and make distinctions among them.

P: O God - do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our hatred hurts us and creates walls between us and others.

L: O God, we know too that our hatred hurts you.

THE RESPONSE

ACT OF CONFESSION

ISAIAH 53:4-6

L: Surely he has borne our grief's and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

P: He was wounded for our transgressions and he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

L: All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

RESPONSIVE READING: THE PROMISE OF MERCY ISAIAH 53:7-13

L: 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.

**P: 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.**

- Extinguishing the Light - Hammer the nail of Christ's passion into the cross

L: 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.

**P: 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.**

L: Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

**P: The righteous one, God's servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.**

L: 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.

ANTHEM: *“God So Loved the World”* Choir

◇ PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

L: Lord God, you have given us everything.

P: You have not held anything back, not even your only begotten son.

L: With humble hearts we thank you.

P: In new hope we offer to you and for the work of salvation our every gift and our very selves.

L: Be pleased, O God, in the name of Jesus, to accept all that we offer at his time. Look upon the intentions of our hearts. Hear our prayers and in your love answer.

..... (silent prayer)

L: We ask all these things through him who taught us to pray to you, saying

P: Our Father....

Call to Communion

*Communion Hymn: *“’Tis Midnight, and on Olive’s Brow”*

Service of Communion

I Corinthians 11:23-26

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

** Partaking of Communion

Come forward at the invite of an usher

Take a piece of the bread and partake

Take a cup and drink of it, then place it in the basket nearby

(Signal a server to be served in your pew)

** Departing in silence

Prayerfully and **silently proceed out of the sanctuary**

** Returning on Sunday . . . for the rest of the story!

