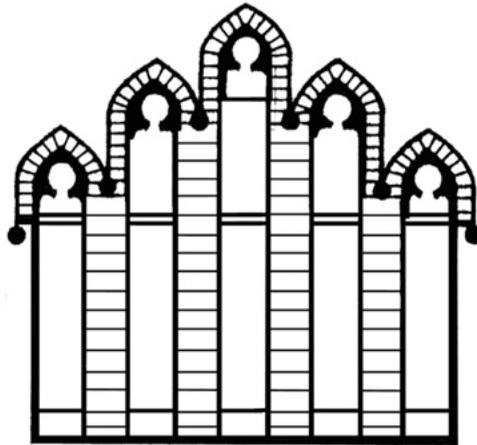


MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026
7:00PM



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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"Joyfully Seeking and Serving Christ"

Please stand as you are able and join in singing.

HYMN 171 (*The Hymnal 1982* Words: James Montgomery Music: Petra)

Go to dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 360)*

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

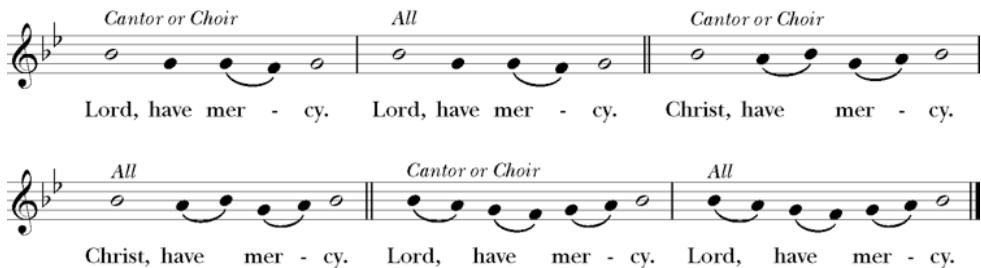
Silence may be kept – Please kneel if you are able.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON *(The Hymnal 1982, S95 Composer: Proulx) Said at 8:00am.*



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C; the third measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C. The second staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C; the second measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C; the third measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 221)*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

A reading from the book of Exodus (12:1-14a)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader

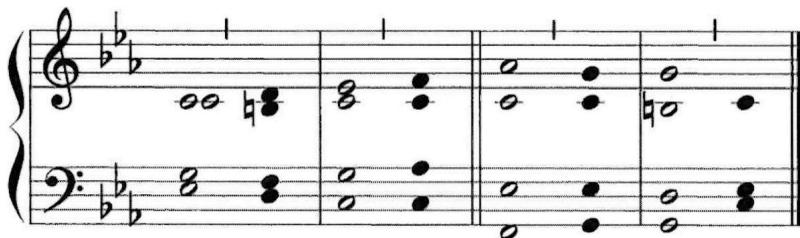
The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

We will chant the appointed Psalm together.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17



I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.

O God, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.

I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,

In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. *[repeat second half of chant]*

THE SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-26)

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and join in singing verses 1&2 before the Gospel and verse 3 after the Gospel.

HYMN 576 (*The Hymnal 1982* Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn Music: Mandatum)

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling

Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)

God is love, God is love,

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is

1-3

Final Ending

God him - self is there. there. _____

God him - self is there. there. _____



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:1-17,31b-35)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *The Rev. John A. Mennell*

THE FOOT WASHING *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 274)*

Celebrant The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you: peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you: peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Celebrant Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than their master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

Please come to the Altar area if you wish to participate in foot washing.

Please stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Sundays & Seasons)*

Leader In the company of Jesus and joining with his faithful followers in years past and in our present day, let us offer our prayers responding, “Christe eleison.”

Leader For the gift of humility, that we may mirror the servanthood of Jesus, bending the knee of our hearts to all whose feet have journeyed a long distance, and whose hands have washed away the burdens of others. *Silence.*

Let us pray,

All **Christe eleison.**

Leader For peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan, and all places where the lust for power fosters tyranny and war.

Silence. Let us pray,

All **Christe eleison.**

Leader For the courage to face our own unfaithfulness: the kisses of deception, the subtle betrayals, our spiritual sleepiness; that in turning to Christ we may receive the grace that changes lives. *Silence.* Let us pray,

All **Christe eleison.**

Leader For those who keep watch this night, that in watching they may be found, in seeking they may be filled with the Spirit, and in waiting they may find peace.

Silence. Let us pray,

All **Christe eleison.**

Leader For those who keep watch every night: the hungry, the homeless, the fearful, that Christ may find them in their own gardens of Gethsemane and not leave them in despair. *Silence.* Let us pray,

All **Christe eleison.**

Leader In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, which gathers us into the fellowship of all the beloved, uniting us. *Silence.* Let us pray,

All **We give thanks to you, O Christ.**

Celebrant O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 360)*

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Zoom attendees will be unmuted at this time and after the service so we may greet one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the offertory, a collection is gathered as we look to give back to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings in our life. Please remain seated during the Offertory to enjoy the anthem. You are invited to take advantage of the following options for giving electronically: Scan the QR codes below to donate through Venmo, Zelle, or our church database. Detailed information is available on the "Giving" tab of our website, slechurch.org.



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead me to Calvary *(Jantz Black)*

King of my life I crown thee now, thine shall the glory be.
Lest I forget they thorn crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.
Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony,
lest I forget they love for me, lead me to Calvary.
Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept
angels in robes of light arrayed, guarded thee whilst thou slept.
May I be willing, Lord to bear daily my cross for thee
even thy cup for grief to share, thou has borne all for me.
Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony,
lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.

ANTHEM NOTES

Jantz Black is a contemporary composer living in the state of Michigan. Black holds a B.S. in piano performance from Southern Nazarine University and has experience in piano, organ, handbell, and choir performances. His composition "Lead Me to Calvary" sets the scene for Christ's passion and crucifixion at Gethsemane. Often in the anthem, key dissonant tones signify anguish and suffering, while at other times a murkier tonal structure will evoke a mystery beyond human comprehension. Lastly, the anthem gives a glimpse of hope, returning to the main theme of the journey to Calvary.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *(The Hymnal 1982, S130 Composer: Schubert)*

Holy, holy, holy ...

The Celebrant continues.

And so, dear God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues.

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, and Rachael; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Holy One, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN!**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 364*)

Feel free to pray in whatever language and words that bring you closer to God.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

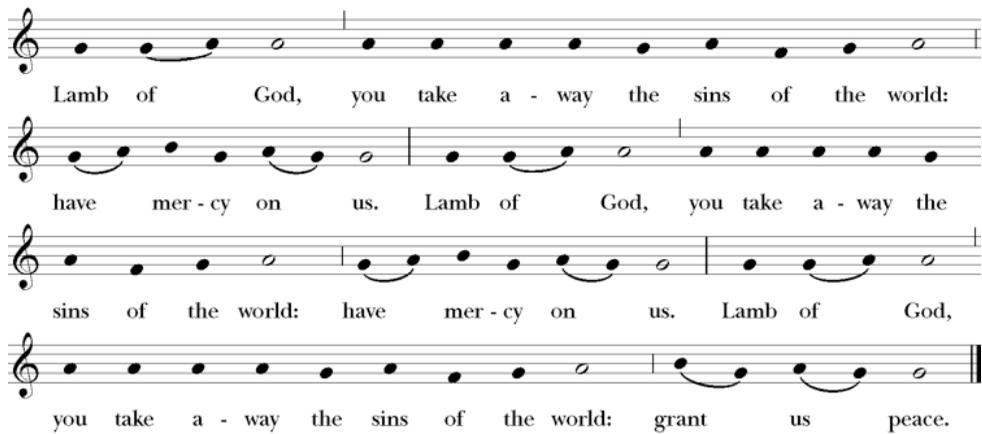
All

Our

Mother	who art in heaven,
Father	
Creator	

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM *(The Hymnal 1982, S160 Composer: Mason Martens) Said at 8:00am*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(Book of Common Prayer p. 337)*

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

INVITATION *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)*

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

You will be guided when it is your turn to join the Communion line.

HYMN 831 (*Wonder, Love & Praise* Words: William Bright Music: Latin, 8th c, Jacques Berthier)

Ubi Caritas et Amor

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Please kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Creator,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

While the congregation sings the following, the clergy will process to the Altar of Repose with the reserved sacrament.

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Stay with me (Wonder Love and Praise #826 Composer: Jacques Berthier)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray watch and pray.
pu - le, kiai a pule.

Please sit or kneel in silence.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Altar is stripped, liturgical items are removed, and the church is gradually darkened.

The final hymn will be sung in total darkness, followed by a period of silence.

After the ushers open the side doors at the back of the church, you may leave in total silence.

Please do not speak until you have left the parish property.

Those who wish may spend time in silent vigil at the Altar of Repose.

When leaving, please exit through the lower level door off the parking lot, under the bridge.

Said from the Altar of Repose.

PSALM 22: 1-21 *(St. Helena Psalter)*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forebears put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm, and less than human, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
“You trusted in God for deliverance; *
let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”
Yet you, O God, are the one who took me out of the womb *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth, *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O God; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my people; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

HYMN 172 *(The Hymnal 1982 Music: Afro-American spiritual Music: Were You There?)*

Were You There?

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

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?