



April 10, 2020
Good Friday

*A family of faith ministering together
in the name of Jesus Christ*

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HYMN: VU 134 “Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold” (Copy right OneLicense.Net)

1 Shadows gather, deep and cold;
lamplight flickers, fades and fails.
Lord, you know what daybreak holds:
thorns and beatings, cross and nails.
You will be denied, betrayed
when the rooster wakes the sun.
Yet you kneel alone and pray,
'Not my will, but thine be done.'

2 In the watches of the night,
in the hour when darkness reigns,
in the grief that has no light,
in the time of fear and pain,
then we hold fast to your way,
to the victory you have won.
Jesus, teach us how to pray,
'Not my will, but thine be done.'

Call to Worship

Our Lenten journey has led us to this moment.

Today we come to Calvary, to the foot of the cross, to be with our Lord.

This day is one of grief and pain, one of tear-stained hurting.

A time to remember that Jesus died, mocked and rejected;

that he died alone, abandoned by most of his friends;

that he died still loving us.

Prayer of Approach (*unison*)

Loving God, you sent your Son to live among us so that we might know the depths of your love. Through Jesus' death you call us to new life in him. Open our hearts and minds as we worship You. Teach us of your unmerited love. Bless us as we pray the words Jesus taught us to pray, saying, Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Responsive Psalm 22:1-22

Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility

To the leader: according to The Deer of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.**

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ **In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸ **“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ **On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹² **Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ **I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;**

**my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;**

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ **For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.**

My hands and feet have shriveled;

¹⁷ I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

**¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

**²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!**

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

**²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

John 18:1-11 *Betrayal of Jesus*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" ⁵ They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. ¹¹ Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there in the garden after dark? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there in the garden after dark?

John 18:12-14 *The Arrest*

¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they seized and bound my Lord? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they seized and bound my Lord?

John 18:15-18 *The First Denial*

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So

the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when disciples turned their backs? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when disciples turned their backs?

John 18:19-24 *Jesus before the High Priest*

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they struck him in the face? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they struck him in the face?

John 18:25-27 *The Second and Third Denial*

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when the cock began to crow? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the cock began to crow?

John 18:28-32 *Jesus before Pilate*

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³² (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they took him to be judged? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they took him to be judged?

John 18:33-38a *Pilate*

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they asked, "Are you a king?" X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they asked, "Are you a king?"

John 18:38b-40 *Pilate*

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they chose to free a thief? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they chose to free a thief?

John 19:1-5 *The Crown of Thorns and The Purple Robe*

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they made a crown of thorns? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they made a crown of thorns?

John 19:6-16a *Pilate washes his hands*

⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to him, "Do

you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they shouted, "crucify!"? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they shouted, "crucify!"?

John 19:-16b-18 *The Cross and The Nails*

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

John 19:19-22 *The Sign*

¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

John 19:23-25a *The Dice*

²³ 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. ²⁴ 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."

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they cast lots for his robe? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they cast lots for his robe?

John 19:25b-27 *Mary, the Mother*

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

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there with his mother keeping watch? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there with his mother keeping watch?

John 19:28-29 *The Sponge*

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ 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.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they offered him some wine? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they offered him some wine?

John 19:30 *The death of Jesus*

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

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when he bowed his head and died? X2

Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he bowed his head and died?

John 19:31-37 *Jesus pierced*

³¹ 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. ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵ (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶ These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷ And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? X2
Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

John 19:38-42 *The tomb*

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

VU 144 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? X2
Oh-oh-oh-oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Christ Candle is Extinguished

A Time of Silence

Litany at the Foot of the Cross

Saviour of the world, what have you done to deserve this?

And what have we done to deserve you?

We gather at the foot of the cross, longing to understand.

**We see you hanging there, between two criminals,
cursed and spat upon, waiting for death, and we hear you say,
"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."**

Forgive us, Lord, for now knowing what we have done;

Open our eyes to the reality of crucifixion in our world;

Open our ears to the cries for life and dignity.

Give us courage to face the challenges set before us,

The crosses you call us to bear.

In the Good Fridays of our lives,

implant in us the strong assurances of the Resurrection.

Crucified Saviour, naked God,

You hang disgraced and powerless.

Grieving, we dare to hope...

Hoping, we wait, at the foot of the cross. Amen.

★ **HYMN: VU 153** "When the Son of God Was Dying" **Copy right OneLicense.Net**

1 When the Son of God was dying, long ago,
some played dice and some knelt crying, lost and low.
Cynics sneered and wagged their tongues,
mockers mimicked funeral songs:

