



Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 7, 2023 AT 5:30PM

Welcome!

Newcomers & Visitors

We are so glad you are here! Everyone is invited to fully participate in our services. Communion is open to all, regardless of religious background. Join our mailing list or connect with staff by filling out a visitor card.



Children & Youth

We seek to support our community in connecting with God at all ages. Our worship is open and welcoming to all ages. There is a soft space in the back pews with toys and activities for busy little ones.

GATHERING

All stand at the ringing of a bell. The ministers enter in silence. A period of silence is kept.

HYMN

Beneath the cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der-ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love, and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane (1830-1869), alt. Music: *St. Christopher*; Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Presider In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

**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. Amen.**

Presider We will glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

People **In whom is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider continues,

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

STATION 1 - JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

V. God did not spare his own Son:

R. **But delivered him up for us all.**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,
 2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
 *3 He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,
 *4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,
 5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,

1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.
 2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
 3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.
 4 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.
 5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

STATION 2 – JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

V. The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

R. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

At the still point of the turning world.
Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither from nor towards; at the still point,
there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement.
And do not call it fixity,
Where past and future are gathered.
Neither movement from nor towards,
Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point,
the still point,
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance.

STATION 3 – JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

V. Surely he has borne our griefs:

R. And carried our sorrows.

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 - rained;
 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.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

STATION 4 – JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

V. A sword will pierce your own soul also:

R. **And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

POEM – *The Four Quartets* – East Coker

T.S. Elliot

I said to my soul, be still, and wait
without hope
For hope would be hope for the wrong
thing; wait without love,
For love would be love of the wrong
thing; there is yet faith
But the faith and the love and the hope
are all in the waiting.
Wait without thought, for you are not
ready for thought:
So the darkness shall be the light,
and the stillness the dancing.

STATION 5 – THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

V. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

R. Cannot be my disciple.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN

Drop, drop slow tears

1. Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beau - teous feet,
2. Cease not, wet eyes, His mer - cies to en - treat;
3. In your deep floods Drown out my faults and fears;

that brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.
To cry for his venge - ance Sin doth nev - er cease.
Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

STATION 6 – A WOMAN WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

V. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

R. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POEM – *Meditation for the Sixth Station*

Angelo Cardinal Comastri

A woman steps out of the crowd,
keeping alight the lamp of our humanity,
...and wipes his Face
and finds his Face!
How many people today have no face!
How many people are relegated
to the margins of life,
exiled, forsaken,
by an apathy that kills the apathetic.
Only those afire with love are truly alive,
those who bend low before Christ who suffers
and awaits us in those who are suffering: today!
Today! For tomorrow will be too late!

STATION 7 – JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

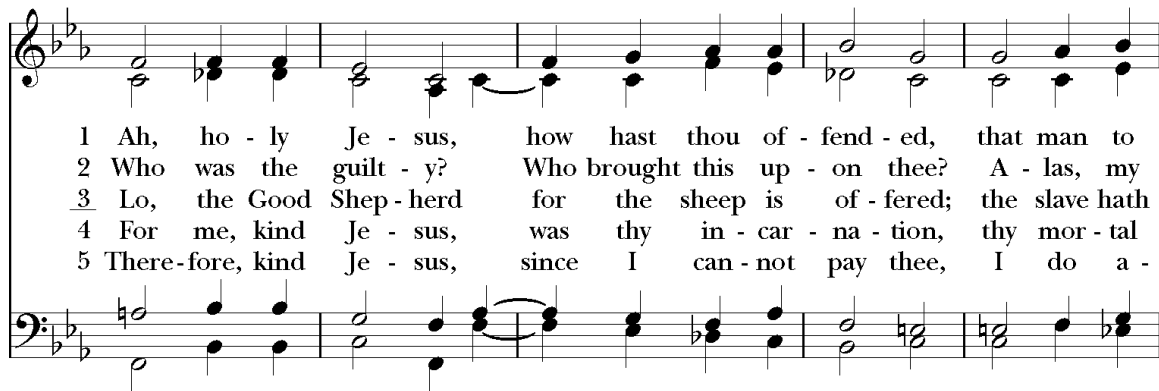
People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

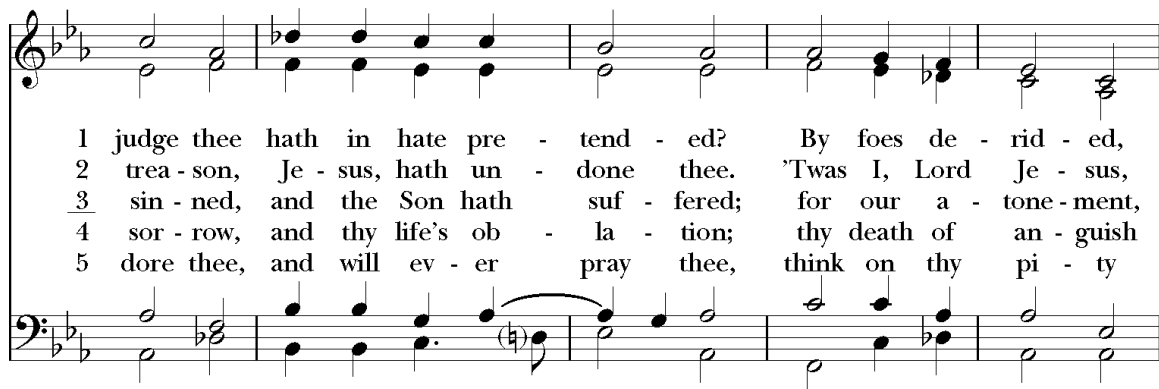
V. But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

R. **Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

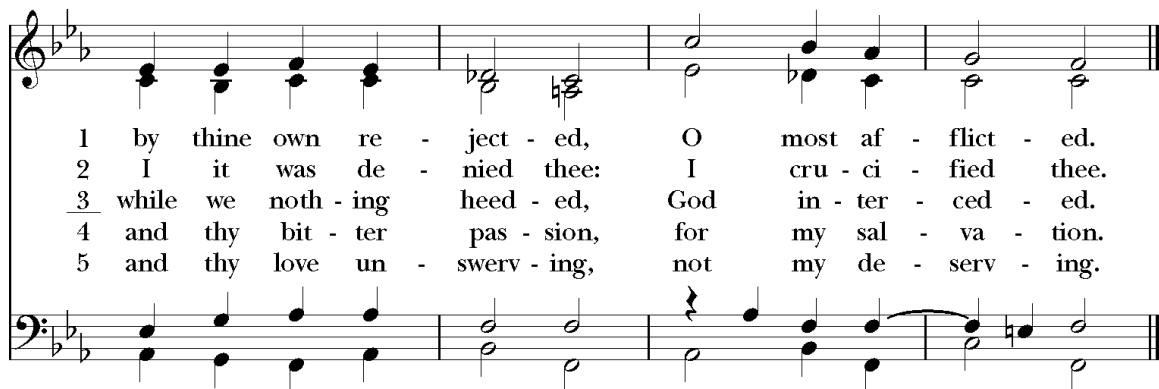
Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man 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 thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



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



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

STATION 8 - JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

V. Those who sowed with tears:

R. Will reap with songs of joy.

Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POEM – *Through the Windows of the Ordinary*

The Rev. Canon Janet Campbell

We don't know what we do, really,
So we surrender ourselves
To the prayers...
It's the least (and most) we can do, isn't it?
Kneeling, rising,
Kneeling, rising
In this dance against despair
Kneeling, rising
Kneeling, rising
Insisting,
For ourselves and for the world ...
That through some divine logic, (or folly?)
we might be saved from ourselves,
given another chance, and another and,
that things which were cast down
might be raised up,
even as we speak,
and things which had grown old
might be made new,
and all things
might be brought to their perfection
by the one through whom
all things were made ...
to whom we stubbornly offer
our hope for the world and ourselves

STATION 9 – JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. “Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!”

V. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

R. **And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.**

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

STATION 10 – JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.”

V. They gave me gall to eat:

R. **And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POEM – “*Woman Un-Bent*”

Irene Zimmerman

I spiral back

Toward the black

Mire

From which You drew me,

Threw me

On your potter’s wheel;

Feel

Your hot

Nearness now,

Your fire;

Know not

The how

Of death,

Know only that I must

Return this dust,

Return to Breath.

STATION 11 – JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, “He was numbered with the transgressors.”

V. They pierce my hands and my feet:

R. **They stare and gloat over me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

David Hurd

STATION 12 – JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished!” And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

V. Christ for us became obedient unto death:

R. **Even death on a cross.**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

POEM – “*Eli, Eli*”

Miriam Kessler

My God, My God, he cried,
If he is quoted right ...
Somehow that moan is comforting
To us, alone at night,
Who tremble, daring dawn,
That He, so wise and strong,
Should weep and ask for aid.
Somehow, my lovely distant god,
It makes me less afraid.

STATION 13 – THE BODY OF JESUS IS PLACED IN THE ARMS OF HIS MOTHER

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. “Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.”

V. Her tears run down her cheeks:

R. **And she has none to comfort her.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Lady of Sorrows
-Traditional Tune

STATION 14 – JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

V. You will not abandon me to the grave:

R. **Nor let your holy One see corruption.**

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1 O sor - row deep! Who would not weep
 2 The Pas - chal Lamb, like I - saac's ram,
 3 Blest shall they be e - ter - nal - ly
 4 O Je - sus blest, my help and rest,

with heart - felt pain and sigh - ing!
 in blood was of - fered for us,
 who pon - der in their weep - ing
 with tears I pray thee, hear me:

slightly slower
 God the Fa - ther's on - ly Son
 pour - ing out his life that he
 that the glo - rious Prince of Life
 now, and e - ven un - to death,

in the tomb is ly - ing.
 might to life re - store us.
 should in death be sleep - ing.
 dear - est Lord, be near me.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS BEFORE THE ALTAR

Presider Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

People Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

All We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Were you there when they crucified my Lord

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?

All leave in silence.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Ushers

Emmanuel Usher Team

Presider / Preacher

The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

Readers

Pat Angell

Eucharistic Minister

Allan Affleck

Musicians

Fred McIlroy, Emmanuel Choir

CELEBRATE

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AT EMMANUEL

EASTER SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:00AM & 10:00AM

Festive Services with Music

Join us for our **Easter Egg Hunt**
following the 10:00AM Service