



“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”



Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

April 18 ~ 7:00 pm

Good Friday



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i>	Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Mimi Llamas

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Thy Dwelling Place
by Douglas Floyd Smith
Glory Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 22)*

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Many: Why are you so far from helping me?

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Many: Why are you so distant from my groaning?

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Many: In the midst of our tears, you do not answer.

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Many: Even in the shades of shelter, I find no rest.

INVOCATION

God of the Fearful and Grieving,

Faith's eclipse of light has overtaken our souls. The darkness sits with us as a companion on this part of the journey as we retreat into our spirits.

Confusion, exhaustion, tears, and aches become part of the story. Even on the night of the sword, we will find solace. Even when the glances of neighbors pierce our hearts and their words swirl around in our minds, God's peace will alleviate any anxiety. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Am F $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm6 C $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ G C $\frac{E}{G\#}$ Am Esus E Am

1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,

Am F $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm6 C $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ G C $\frac{E}{G\#}$ Am Esus E Am

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown:
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

Am $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{G7}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C C7 Fmaj7 $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ Dm2 Dm A

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine;
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

$\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{Am7}{C}$ D G C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ G C

yet, though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

Stations of the Cross

STATION I: SORROW Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36–41

HYMN Stay with Me

Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

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STATION II: BETRAYAL Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested

Mark 14:43–46

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

God of the Healing Wounds,

The pain of our trauma shadows the light that beams from our souls. From the shadows, we cast a shade upon our neighbors. Such gloom is a sword in their hearts. May we be aware of how our pain creates agony in the life of our neighbors. May we reach out to our companions on the journey when we have caused them grief in their own lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Even when we abide in Gethsemane and Golgathas and can't see the presence of the Divine, God still abides with us. God's grace extends to us. May the soothing love and grace of God bring us peace even in valleys, gardens, and hills of shadows, and may we see hope for the future beyond the gloom.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

STATION III: CONDEMNATION Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin
Luke 22:66–71

BREATHING PRAYER

STATION IV: DENIAL Jesus is Denied by Peter
Matthew 26:69–75

STATION V: JUDGMENT Jesus is Judged by Pilate
Mark 15:1–5, 15

STATION VI: CROWNING Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns
John 19:1–3

A BLESSING ON THE BODY

STATION VII: BEARING Jesus Bears the Cross
John 19:6, 15–17

STATION VIII: HELPING Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian
Mark 15:21

STATION IX: BLESSING Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
Luke 23:27–31

STATION X: CRUCIFIXION Jesus is Crucified
Luke 23:33–34

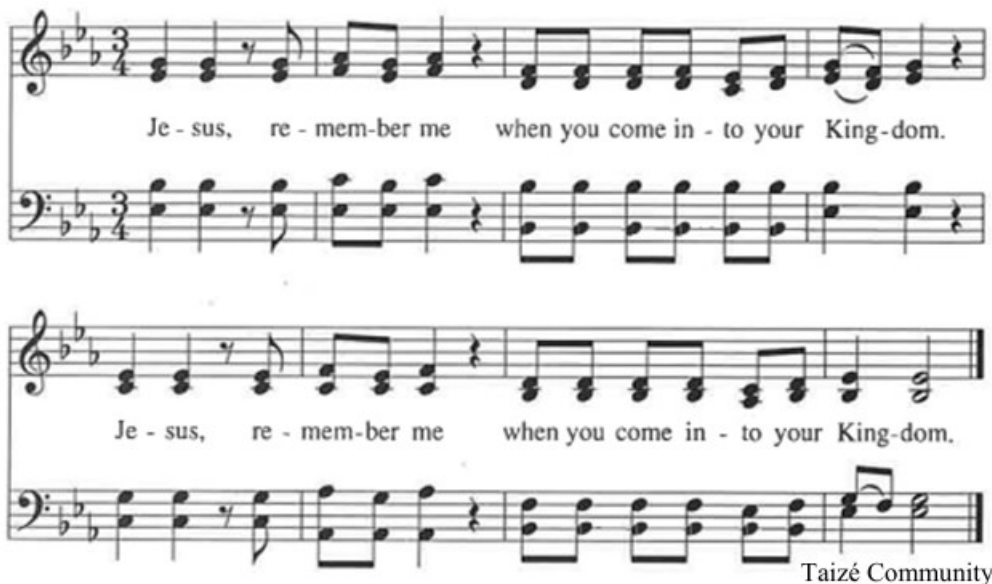
ANTHEM

He Never Said a Mubmalin' Word
arr. Hal Hopson
Sanctuary Choir, Lauren Shepard, clarinet

STATION XI: PROMISE Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief
Luke 23:39–43

HYMN

Jesus Remember Me



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

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BREATHING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

STATION XII: CARE Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple
John 19:25–27

REFLECTION ON GIVING

Let us follow the way of Jesus in living the generous life, in solidarity, compassion, and faithfulness.

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
arr. Ronald Kauffmann
Glory Ringers

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)

Holy One, receive our gifts as a grateful response and contribution to your love manifested in the world.

STATION XIII: DARKNESS Jesus Dies on the Cross Luke 23:44–46

SONG

Were You There (First two verses)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Tune: WERE YOU THERE

STATION XIV: BURIAL Jesus is Placed in the Tomb Matthew 27:57–60

SONG

Were You There (Third verse)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Tune: WERE YOU THERE

The only light at this time will be the words on the screen. After the singing of the final verse of Were You There, we will have 30 seconds of darkness and silence in remembrance of Jesus' death and the grief that many felt that night.

Please wait until we have lights to leave of the sanctuary in silence

Join us for a new dawn of Grace and New Life

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