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PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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GREETING AND PRAYER

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CORPORATE CONFESSION

Leader: Like the disciples in Gethsemane, we fell away from prayer at the beginning of the trial.

Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for we know not what we do.

Leader: Like Caiaphas and the high council, we spit in Your face and slapped the Son of God.

Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for we know not what we do.

Leader: Like Peter, three times when questioned, we denied knowing the Son of God.

Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for we know not what we do.

Leader: Like the people who cried out for Barabbas, we yelled, "Let Christ be crucified!"

Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for we know not what we do.

Leader: Like Pilate, before the yelling crowds, we wash our hands and wrongfully say, "I am innocent of this man's blood..."

Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for we know not what we do.

Leader: Like the soldiers who prepared Jesus for His crucifixion, we have stripped You, placing a crown of thorns on Your head, bending our knees not to praise You, but to mock You.

Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for we know not what we do.

Leader: Like the centurion standing at the foot of the cross, we hear Jesus of Nazareth cry out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" In the distance, the curtain of the temple is torn, the earth begins to shake under a sky of darkness, and we look up filled with awe...

Congregation: Truly this was the Son of God!

HYMNWere You There (v 1,2,3,5)*

UMH 288

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

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Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (were you there)

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

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***Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)***

READING

The Terrible Lie (from The Jesus Storybook Bible)

You see, sin had come into God's perfect world. And it would never leave. God's children would be always running away from him and hiding in the dark. Their hearts would break now, and never work properly again.

God couldn't let his children live forever, not in such pain, without him. There was only one way to protect them.

"You will have to leave the garden now," God told his children, his eyes filling with tears. "This is no longer your true home, it's not the place for you anymore."

But before they left the garden, God made clothes for his children, to cover them. He gently clothed them and then he sent them away on a long, long journey—out of the garden, out of their home.

Well, in another story, it would all be over and that would have been... The End. But not in this story.

God loved his children too much to let the story end there. Even though he knew he would suffer, God had a plan—a magnificent dream. One day, he would get his children back. One day, he would make the world their perfect home again. And one day, he would wipe away every tear from their eyes.

You see, no matter what, in spite of everything, God would love his children—with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.

And though they would forget him, and run from him, deep in their hearts, God's children would miss him always, and long for him—lost children yearning for their home.

Before they left the garden, God whispered a promise to Adam and Eve: "It will not always be so! I will come to rescue you! And when I do, I'm going to do battle against the snake. I'll get rid of the sin and the dark and the sadness you let in here. I'm coming back for you!"

And he would. One day, God himself would come.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:3-10

Tim Smith

***HYMN**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v 1,3,4)

UMH 298

***When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.***

***See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?***

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***Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.***

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:1-16

Rev. Sean Stanfield

REFLECTION

The End is the Beginning

Rev. Sean Stanfield

RESPONSIVE READING - Tenebrae

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Leader: Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Congregation: O what a gracious Savior.

Leader: Luke 23:43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Congregation: O what a merciful Savior.

Leader: John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Congregation: O what a beautiful Savior.

Leader: Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Congregation: O what a costly redemption.

Leader: John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

Congregation: O what agony He endured for us.

Leader: John 19:29-30 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Congregation: O what a costly redemption.

Leader: Luke 23:46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Congregation: O what a costly redemption.

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND ALTAR ELEMENTS

(Representing Christ leaving the world through death.)

***HYMN**

What Wondrous Love Is This (v 1,2,3)

UMH 292

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.***

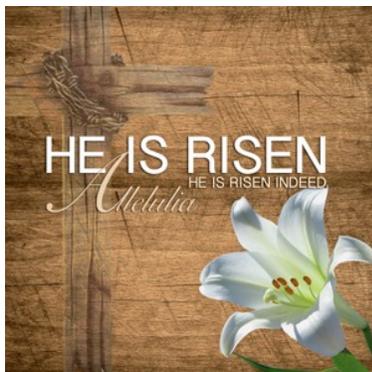
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*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.*

DISMISSAL IN SILENCE

Please follow one another quietly as we dismiss in silence. The silent scattering represents the silence of the time between Christ's death and His resurrection. The disciples no longer had access to Jesus and were fearful that all hope was lost. We leave silently to read ourselves into the story, to imagine what the disciples must have felt, and to long for Resurrection Day all the more.



JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30 am - Sunrise Service (Pavilion)*
- 9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
- 10:00 am - Fellowship Time*
- 10:30 am - Sunday School for All Ages*
- 11:15 am - Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)*