

What was Pilate to do since he saw the truth with his eyes, but did not have courage to free it?

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

Crucify him still rings across time, because truth unrecognized always goes punished.

And still we're asking, "What is truth?"

PRAYER

God of Creation, Your plan for the world, for us, from the beginning of time was to have life, and to have it abundantly. You sent us Jesus to save us from our sinful ways, to restore the promise of new life. We confess our own rejection of Your Son. We confess our sins to You, all that has separated us in relationship from each other and from You, and we seek forgiveness and restoration. May we embrace Your love more fully and deeply, knowing that death does not have the final word. In the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, who died for us all, we pray. Amen.

POEM

"Dying to Live"

John van deLaar

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Easter Sunday Events

- 8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Time
- 10:00 a.m. Festive Traditional Worship with Holy Communion



March 30, 2018

Good Friday Service

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With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

We were the silence when no bird sang.

Were you in the garden when the disciples fell asleep?

We were the betrayal in Judas's kiss.

Were you in the courtyard when the cock crowed three times?

We were the denial in Peter's mouth.

Were you among the scoffers when Jesus was flogged?

We were the whip in the soldier's hand.

Were you in Pilate's chamber when he washed his hands of Jesus' sentence?

We were the hatred of the crowd; the indifference in Pilate's heart.

Were you there when the soldiers dressed Jesus as a king?

We were the mockery in the crown of thorns.

Were you among the onlookers at Golgotha?

We were the nails that pierced Jesus' hands and feet.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

We were the silence when no bird sang.

GREETING

SONG

"What Wondrous Love is This"

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GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Faithful God, we stand in the dim shadows of a cross, longing for resurrection. But today we pause to remember the pain of the cross, and the pain of the crosses we've faced. As the disciples wept on that fateful day so long ago, we weep for the savior and for the tree, and all the trees that one represented, from which he hung. As those first disciples wondered whether that fateful day was the end of their dreams, we admit we are afraid that our dream of a just, nonviolent world is fleeting and in peril of death. Help us, God, as we live in the tension between this death and your seeming silence, the time after the crucifixion and before the resurrection. In the name and pain of the Crucified One, Amen.

HYMN

"Were You There," v. 1

FIRST READING

HYMN

"Were You There," v. 2

SECOND READING

HYMN

"Were You There," v. 3

THIRD READING

HYMN

"Were You There," v. 4

FOURTH READING

HYMN

"Were You There," v. 5

FIFTH READING

LITANY

Jesus went to meet his future -- a certain death, a certain betrayal, that Holy Week.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

He was met by soldiers and false accusers.

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Judas kissed away the meals and the miles they had shared together.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

Peter tried to protect him from an inevitable and foretold end.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

When he couldn't protect him, Peter's fear led him to deny him.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

From hall to hall and heart to heart, they led him in the dark of night to broken justice and false witnesses.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

Pilate questioned his statement: "I came to testify to the truth," I came to be on the side of truth.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"