



# Sunset United Church

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## Good Friday Service



### **The Invitation\*:**

It had to happen ...

... for being here:

**So filled with the Holy Spirit he was**

**That in him people experienced  
the presence of God among them.**

**We sing praise to God incarnate.**

Jesus spoke of ...

...he loved them

**Because his witness to love was threatening,  
Those exercising power sought to silence Jesus.**

**He suffered abandonment and betrayal,  
State-sanctioned torture and execution.**

**He was crucified.**

**Hymn: VU#147    What Wondrous Love is This    \*\*\***

### **Prayer (unison):**

**God of all our days,**

**We are here, on this day of shadow and grief,**

**With hearts breaking and broken**

**By the wonder of it all.**

**And you are with us.**

**In our waiting, and in our weeping,**

**Keep us willing to enter fully  
Into the mystery and pain of this day,  
For by your presence,  
We will make it through the story.  
Amen,**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn: VU#144** Were You There (verses 1 & 3) \*\*\*\*

**Scripture: John 18: 28-32, 38b-19:16**

### **Scripture: Psalm 22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? The words  
of my groaning do nothing to save me.  
My God, I call by day but you do not answer, at night, but  
I find no respite.

Yet you, the Holy One,  
who make your home in the praises of Israel,  
in you our ancestors put their trust, they trusted and  
you set them free.

To you they called for help and were delivered; in you they  
trusted and were not put to shame.  
But I am a worm, less than human, scorn of mankind,  
contempt of the people;

all who see me jeer at me,  
they sneer and wag their heads,  
'He trusted himself to Yahweh, let Yahweh set him free!  
Let him deliver him, as he took such delight in him.'

It was you who drew me from the womb and soothed me  
on my mother's breast.

On you was I cast from my birth, from the womb I have  
belonged to you.

Do not hold aloof, for trouble is upon me,  
and no one to help me!

Many bulls are encircling me,  
wild bulls of Bashan closing in on me.

**Lions ravening and roaring open their jaws at me.**

**My strength is trickling away, my bones are all  
disjointed, my heart has turned to wax,  
melting inside me.**

**My mouth is dry as earthenware,  
my tongue sticks to my jaw.**

**You lay me down in the dust of death.**

A pack of dogs surrounds me,  
a gang of villains closing in on me  
as if to hack off my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones,  
while they look on and gloat;  
they divide my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.

## **Anthem**

## **Prayer**

**Hymn: VU#144    Were you There (verse 2)    \*\*\*\***

**Scripture: John 19: 16b-25a**

**Hymn: VU#137** The Love That Clothes Itself in Light  
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**Scripture: John 19: 25b-27**

**Shadows on the Cross**

**Hymn: VU#182** Stay with Us Through the Night <<\*

**Scripture: John 19:28-30**

**Anthem**

**Reflection\*\***

**Hymn: VU#149** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross <\*

**Scripture: John 19: 31-42**

**Hymn: VU#586** We Shall Go Out with Hope of  
Resurrection >\*>



- \* service adapted from one written by Bob Root, found in *Gathering L/E 2017 (Year A)*, page 63.
- \*\* “It was on the Friday” found in *Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter*. 2000 Iona Community, Wild Good Worship Group. GIA Publications, Chicago. Pages 159-160.
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