

Were You There

1 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?

2 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?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5 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?

Good Friday Service Friday, April 3, 2026 | 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

Leader: God of mercy and love, when Judas went out that door, a part of each one of us went with him.

PEOPLE: **We have all betrayed Jesus in one way or another.**

Leader: And when the disciples sat unmoving at the table, each waiting for the other to wash their feet, a part of each one of us sat there with them.

PEOPLE: **We have all sat unmoving, waiting for someone else to do what we should be doing ourselves.**

Leader: And when Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, a part of each one of us joined him in that rejection.

PEOPLE: **We have all resisted the new hierarchy of Jesus, where those who are greatest become loving servants to all.**

Leader: Forgive us for immobility, for our fear. Help us to again return to following Jesus who would lead us to hope, forgiveness and eternal life.

Hymn: "Were You There" UMH 288 Verse 1

PRAYER IN UNISON

Lord, we come before you in the approaching darkness of our souls. We have traveled this Lenten journey, overcoming and conquering barriers that have kept us from serving you. We gathered at the gates of joy on Palm Sunday and feasted at the Lord's Table yesterday. But today is a different story. We witness the arrest and trial of the Innocent Savior. We watch as he is moved brutally from place to place, to be judged by people who have hardened their hearts against you. The sorrow that we feel lies heavy upon us. Lift us, Lord. Comfort us. Help us get through this time of darkness. AMEN.

Hymn: "Were You There" UMH 288 Verse 2

THE SEVEN CANDLES AND THE APPROACHING DARKNESS

A member of the Sanhedrin – Roy Meissner

[The 1st candle is extinguished]

Woman disciple – Colleen Hay

[The 2nd candle is extinguished]

Hymn: "Were You There" UMH 288 Verse 3

Soldier – Dick Rowley

[The 3rd candle is extinguished]

Woman in the courtyard – Chris Hyde

[The 4th candle is extinguished]

Hymn: "Were You There" UMH 288 Verse 4

Pilate – John Williams

[The 5th candle is extinguished]

Woman at the crucifixion – Susan Bell

[The 6th candle is extinguished]

Anthem "Contemplation of the Cross" Choir

Jesus – Alan Harrer

[The 7th candle is extinguished]

[The Christ candle is extinguished]

Reader – Terry Pratt

Hymn: "Were You There" UMH 288 Verse 5

Dismissal

You may remain for prayer as long as you like then please depart in silence.