

but you have hanged me on the cross.

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you,  
but you close your hearts to guidance.

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

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I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters.

I was hungry but you gave me no food,  
thirsty but you gave me no drink.

I was a stranger but you did not welcome me,  
naked but you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

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

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*A brief silence follows.*

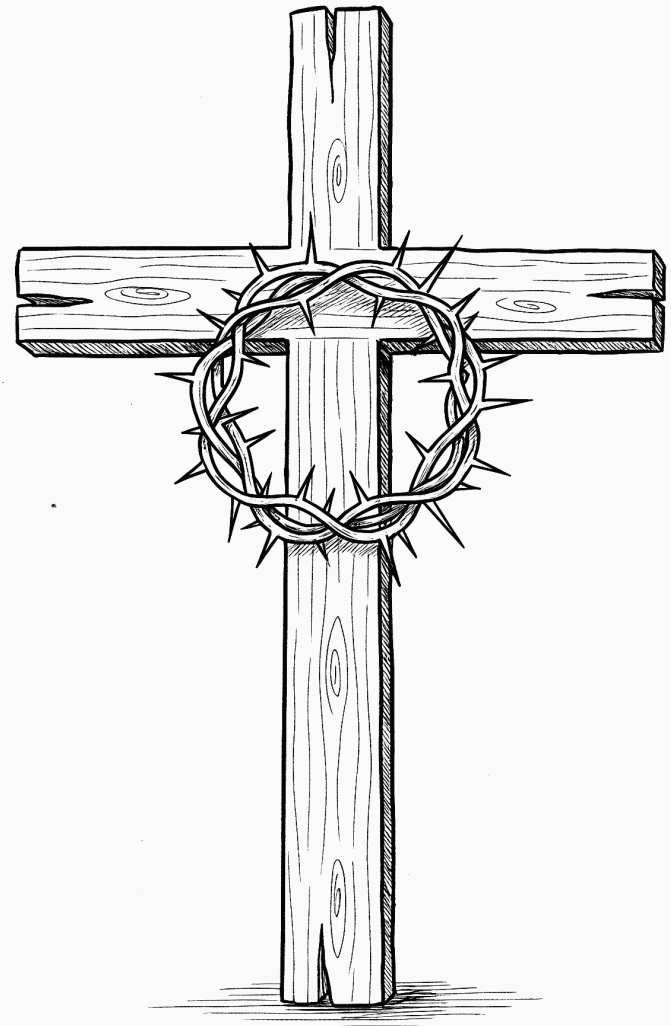
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## DISMISSAL

May Jesus Christ,  
who for our sake became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross,  
keep you and strengthen you, now and for ever. Amen.

*The bell rings in remembrance  
of Jesus' 33 years on earth.*

*All depart in silence.*



*Mt Vernon UMC*

*Good Friday  
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## GATHERING

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## GREETING

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

**That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross  
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.

Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation,  
may also glory in his call to take up our cross  
and follow him;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN**                      **292 What Wondrous Love Is This**

**PSALM**                                      **PSALM 22 (UMH 752)**

*Refrain: O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down.*

**GOSPEL**                      **Luke 22:47,48,54,63-23:53**

**SOLO**                      **O Christ, You Hang Upon a Cross**  
   **Katherine Stout**

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of Jesus' 33 years on earth.*

**THE REPROACHES**                      **CHRIST'S LAMENT**  
   **AGAINST HIS**  
   **FAITHLESS CHURCH**

*(Sung)* **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**  
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O my people, O my Church,  
what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?

I led you forth from the land of Egypt  
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with  
manna;

I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal  
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven;  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**  
**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.  
I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity,  
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

I made you branches of my vineyard  
and gave you the water of salvation,  
but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall  
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.  
**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**  
**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a servant,  
but you draw the sword to strike in my name  
and seek high places in my kingdom.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the  
kingdom,  
but you have given me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you on high with great power,