



GOOD FRIDAY

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First Parish Church, Manchester by the Sea, MA

March 29, 2024

12:00 P.M.

GATHERING MUSIC Paul Knox

WORDS OF WELCOME: Rev. Katherine Schofield

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross.

Many: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

One: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

Many: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

One: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.

Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

Many: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Amen.**

HYMN #229

Were You There?

**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?**

THE CROWN OF THORNS

Matthew 27:27-31

**Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?
Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?**

THE WOOD OF THE CROSS

John 19:16-17

**Were You There When He Carried His Own Cross?
Were You There When He Carried His Own Cross?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were You There When He Carried His Own Cross?**

THE NAILS

John 19:18-19

**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?**

A DRINK OF VINEGAR

John 19:28-30

Were you there when they 'suaged his thirst with gall?

Were you there when they 'suaged his thirst with gall?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they 'suaged his thirst with gall?

THE DEATH OF JESUS

Matthew 27: 45-46, 50-54

MOMENT OF SILENCE

LAID IN THE TOMB

John 19:38-42

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?

BENEDICTION