



Dead Palms and an Empty Church, Good Friday



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On this Good (God) Friday, we gather in spirit to remember Jesus' last day alive – marked with his betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and death. This Good Friday atonement service, The Passion of Jesus Christ, is based on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. Set as a memorial service for Jesus Christ after his death, but before his resurrection, this service focuses on the people who experienced Jesus' passion throughout his ministry.

Prelude

Ah, Holy Jesus

Brendan Fox

Gathering Prayer and Words of Welcome

The Passion of Jesus Christ

A Liturgy of Non-Violent Atonement by Rev. Timothy Tahtinen

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Cudahy, WI.

I. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." – James, Disciple of Jesus. [Matthew 5:44](#)

II. "Today you will be in Paradise with me." – Levi, the Cleansed Leper. [Matthew 8:1-4](#)

Hymn

What Wonderful Love Is This?

NCH, 223



"Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane" Paolo di Giovanni, 1430-1435.

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this!
that Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavenly cross
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavenly cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing:
To God and to the Lamb
who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing
while millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death, I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death
I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death, I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing
on and through eternity I will sing.

III. "This man is your son. This woman is your mother." – The Rich Young Ruler. [Matthew 19:16-22](#)

IV. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" – Andrew the Disciple. [Matthew 14:22-33](#)



When I survey
the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord,
that I should be boast,
save in the death of Jesus the Christ
all the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm
of nature mine,
That were an offering far to small
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

“Kiss of Judas” John August Swanson, 2008.

V. **“I thirst.”** – The Woman at the Well. [John 4:1-26](#)

VI. **“It is finished.”** – Judas Iscariot. [John 19:28-30](#)

VII. **“Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.”** – Peter. [Luke 23:46](#)

Hymn

Were You There?

NCH, 229

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?

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?

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
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