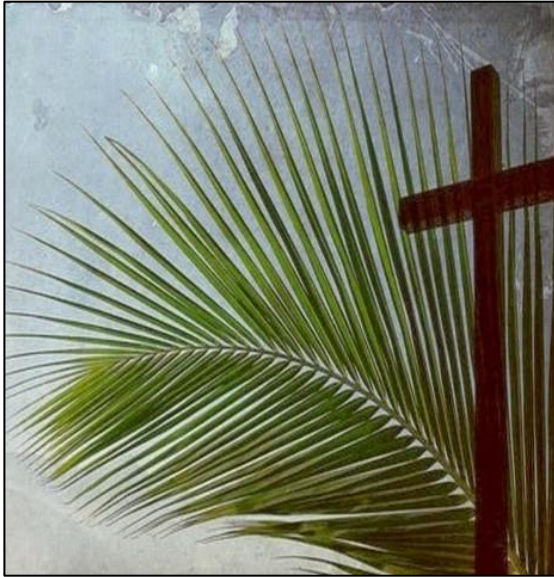


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"We wave our palms
at the foot of the cross."*

- Steve Garnaas-Holmes

March 29, 2026

Palm & Passion Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

Lenten Landscapes:

From Death Valleys to Green Pastures

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Hosanna Song" (Jon Guerra & Paul Zach)

You are invited during the Gathering Song to still your hearts, your minds, your bodies, as we come together for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

• Visiting with us?

- We're glad you're here! We strive to make our worship space—in-person and virtual—as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

• **Holy Week at Calvary:** allmeansall.org/holy-week

• **13th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk:** Saturday, May 4

- wizevents.com/sojourner-truth-walk/T99

• **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons

• **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Mar 29

- **1-2:30 pm:** Confirmation Class
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Mar 30, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga (weekly)

- Chapel – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Mar 31

- **3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

- **7-8 pm:** Interfaith Spiritual Care – Session 1 (*PA Interfaith Power & Light*)
 - first of four-part webinar series
 - tinyurl.com/interfaithsc-2026

Wednesday, Apr 1

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*)
 - see Mar 30 for details
- **12-12:30 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice (*weekly / New Sanctuary Movement*)
 - Philadelphia ICE Office / 114 N 8th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to join our NSM Team
- **7-8ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1st Wednesdays*)
 - Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
 - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Thursday, Apr 2: Maundy Thursday

- **7 pm:** Tenebrae Vespers (*Communion / hybrid*)
 - Chapel – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/maundy-thursday

Friday, Apr 3: Good Friday

- **10 am:** ICE Out Vigil (*Monday ICE Vigil Interfaith Coalition*)
 - Philadelphia ICE Field Office / 114 N. 8th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Saturday, Apr 4: Holy Saturday

- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly / West Philly Insight*)
 - Board Room (upstairs) – 48th St entrance
- **7 pm (through 7 am, Easter Sunday):** Virtual Easter Vigil
 - continuing our Lenten Prayer Chain, you're invited to sign up for hourly prayer slots to help "keep vigil" overnight; you're also asked to light a candle during your prayer time
 - allmeansall.org/holy-saturday

Sunday, Apr 5: Easter Sunday

- **8-8:30 am:** "Sunrise" Service
 - Cedar Park
 - in case of inclement weather: Chapel – 48th St entrance
- **9-10:30 am:** Potluck Brunch
 - Fellowship Hall (downstairs)
 - allmeansall.org/easter
- **10:15-10:45 am:** Calvary Kids Easter Egg Hunt
 - outside 48th St entrance (weather permitting)
- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship – Celebration of Liberation & New Life

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(TFWS #2129)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Call to Worship (Roddy Hamilton, inspired by Luke 19:39-40 – adapted)

One: May we remain here to whisper our hosannas throughout this holy week, in every moment.

ALL: When the world goes silent on the cause of God may we remain crying out the beat, the hosanna beat, that marks the rhythm of this week.

One: In the sound of the breaking bread, hear the broken hosanna—

ALL: still we believe in love's way;

One: in the sound of coins being counted, hear the betrayed hosanna—

ALL: still we trust in love's choice;

One: in the twisting of the crown of thorns, hear the tortured hosanna—

ALL: still we believe in love's way;

One: in the sound of the lashes, hear the scourged hosanna—

ALL: still we trust in love's choice;

One: in the sound of nails being hammered, hear the crucified hosanna—

ALL: still we believe in love's way;

One: in the sound of silence, hear the empty hosanna—

ALL: still we trust in love's choice.

One: May we remain here to whisper our hosannas throughout this holy week, in every moment; may we remain with you.

ALL: O Jesus, still believing, still following, still your companions along the Way of Love. Let the stones remain silent.

Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS #2129)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Community Prayer (Mindi Welton-Mitchell – adapted)

On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we can be, pledging devotion to you and your way of love in one moment and turning away the next—from palms of celebration to the pain of betrayal to the horror of crucifixion. We remember how broken the world can be. And is.

Forgive us when we are half-hearted believers, when we are hard-hearted neighbors, when we are part-time justice-seekers. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget. Restore and renew us for the journey of faith, that we might become whole people who live wholly into your vision of new life for all. In the name of Jesus, who lived into the fullness of humanity, and in whose footsteps we seek to follow. Amen.

Silent Prayer

SHARING

Offering Our Gifts

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*"Each of you must give as
you have made up your mind,
not regretfully or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

- 2 Corinthians 9:7



Previous giving (rounded)

- Mar 16-22: \$992 / weekly budget: \$1,663
- White Basket, Mar 22 (emergency needs): \$2

Prayers of the People

"Thanks be to God" / "God hears our prayer"

Sung Response (tune: UMH #420, Robert Jackson / lyrics: John Pritchard)

Hear us, O living God. Hear all we bring to you—
each joy, each tear, each hope, each fear,
each sigh of gratitude.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Praise & Procession: Matthew 21:1-11 (A Women's
Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)

Now when they had come near Jerusalem and reached
Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two

disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go into the village before you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; release them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Son of Woman needs them.' And they will send them immediately." **4** This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, **5** "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your sovereign is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" **6** The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them; **7** they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. **8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that were going before him and the ones following were shouting, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy One! Hosanna in the highest!" **10** When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shook, asking, "Who is this?" **11** The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Song: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (*UMH #278, tune: public domain / lyrics: Jeanette Threlfall – adapted*)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
(Jesus) of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for (Jesus, love incarnate,
new life he came to bring.)
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Poem: “Hosanna” (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

Song: “Communion Setting (Sanctus)” (TFWS #2257-b, tune:
Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal – adapted)

Holy, holy, holy (One); God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)
Blest is the one who comes in the name of (our God).
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

*“... when I make the cross central in faith and theology,
it's not because I am a masochist.
It is because I don't see how
you can show love in this world of sin
without being in solidarity with the victims of this world.
And if you are in solidarity with the victims of this world,
I don't see how you can avoid the cross.
The theology of the cross is
the theology of love in our real world.”*

– Jon Sobrino

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:37-40, 44-45 (A Women's
Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)

Then the righteous will answer asking, ‘Majesty, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? **38** And when did we see you a stranger and gather you in, or naked and clothe you? **39** And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ **40** And the one who rules will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you all, as

much as you did for one of the least of these my kindred, you all did it to me.' ...

44 Then they will also answer, asking, 'Majesty, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you? **45** Then the ruler will answer them, 'Truly I tell you all, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you all did not do it for me.'

Reflection: "Los Pueblos Crucifados"

Prayer

Song: "Were You There" (UMH #288, African American spiritual)

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?

Seeds of Blessing & Betrayal: Matthew 26:1-16

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, **2** "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Child of Humanity will be handed over to be crucified." **3** Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the courtyard of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, **4** and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. **5** But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

6 Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, **7** a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. **8** But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? **9** For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor." **10** But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. **11** For you always have

the poor with you, but you will not always have me. **12** By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. **13** Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests **15** and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. **16** And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Preparation for the Passover: Matthew 26:17-25 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" **18** He said, "Go into the city to a certain person, and say, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" **19** So the disciples did just as Jesus instructed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. **20** When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve; **21** and while they ate, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." **22** And they became deeply grieved and each one began to say to him, "Not me, is it Rabbi?" **23** He responded and said, "The one who dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. **24** Indeed, the Son of Woman goes as it is written of him, but woe to the person by whom the Son of Woman is betrayed! It would have been better for that person not to have been born." **25** Judas, who betrayed him, responded and said, "It wasn't me was it, Rabbi?" He replied, "You said it."

The Passover Meal: Matthew 26:26-29 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying,

"Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; **28** for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. **29** I tell you all, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you all in the realm of my Abba."

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

"Communion Setting (Sanctus)"

Poem: "Last Supper – A Meditation" (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

The Prayers: Matthew 26:30-46 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney – adapted*)

And when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. **31** Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become scandalized to the point of desertion because of me this night; for it is written, 'For I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' **32** But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you all to Galilee." **33** Peter said to him, "Though all become scandalized and desert because of you, I will never desert you." **34** Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." **35** Peter said to him, "Should it be necessary I die with you, I will not deny you." Then likewise said all the disciples.

Then Jesus came with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "You all sit here while I go pray there." **37** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and distressed. **38** Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; you all stay here, and stay awake with me." **39** And going on a little, he fell on the ground and prayed, saying, "(My) Abba, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not what I want but what you

do." **40** Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, you all were not strong enough to stay awake with me one hour? **41** Stay awake and pray that you all may not come into the test; indeed, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." **42** Again, for the second time, Jesus went away and prayed, saying, "My Abba, if it is not possible for this to pass lest I drink it, let your will be done." **43** And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. **44** So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying those words again. **45** Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep now and take your rest. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Woman is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

The Arrest: *Matthew 26:47-56 (A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)*

While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came and with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I kiss is he; take him." **49** At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Shalom, Rabbi!" and kissed him. **50** Jesus said to him, "Friend, this is why you have come." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took him.

51 Suddenly, someone with Jesus reached out with his hand, drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. **52** Then Jesus said to him, "Return your sword to its place; for all who choose the sword will perish by the sword. **53** Do you think that I am not able to ask my Abba, who will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? **54** How then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must be thus?" **55** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Is it as for a bandit you all have come out with swords and clubs to seize

me? Daily in the temple I sat teaching, and you did not arrest me. **56** But all this has happened, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Silent Prayer & Reflection

"Were You There"

Stations of the Cross

The Trial: Matthew 26:57-68

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. **58** But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. **59** Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, **60** but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward **61** and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" **62** The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" **63** But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." **64** Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Woman seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." **65** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. **66** What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." **67** Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, **68** saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

The Denial: Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." **70** But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." **71** When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." **72** Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." **73** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." **74** Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. **75** Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Silent Prayer & Reflection

"Were You There"

The Condemnation: Matthew 27:1-10

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. **2** They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. **3** When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. **4** He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." **5** Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. **6** But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." **7** After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. **8** For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to

this day. **9** Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, **10** and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Holy One commanded me."

The Condemnation (continued): Matthew 27:11-26

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Judeans?" Jesus said, "You say so." **12** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. **13** Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" **14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. **15** Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. **16** At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. **17** So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" **18** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. **19** While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." **20** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. **21** The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." **22** Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" **23** Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" **24** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he

took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." **25** Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" **26** So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Silent Prayer & Reflection

"Were You There"

The Mocking: Matthew 27:27-31 *(A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)*

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's command post, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. **28** They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. **29** And, having woven a crown with thorns, they put it on his head along with a reed in his right hand and they knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Judeans!" **30** And they spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on his head. **31** After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his clothes back on him. Then they led him away to be crucified.

The Crucifixion: Matthew 27:32-44

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. **33** And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), **34** they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. **35** And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; **36** then they sat down there and kept watch over him. **37** Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Judeans." **38** Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **39** Those who passed by derided him, shaking

their heads **40** and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." **41** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, **42** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. **43** He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" **44** The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Song: "Were You There" (*UMH #288, African American spiritual*)

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 pierced him in the side? ...

The Death: Matthew 27:45-54 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

From the sixth hour of the day, or noon, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour of the day, about three in the afternoon. **46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

47 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." **48** And immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with vinegary wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. **49** But the others said, "Hold back, let us see if Elijah will come to save him."

50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and relinquished his spirit. **51** Then, look! The curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom in two. And the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split. **52** And the tombs

were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. **53** Then after his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. **54** Now when the centurion and those with him, who were standing guard over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Song: "Were You There" (*UMH #288, African American spiritual*)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine (*repeat*)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

The Burial: Matthew 27:55-66 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Now there were many women there, from a distance watching; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had ministered to him. **56** Among them were Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. **57** When it was evening, a rich person came from Arimathea, Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. **58** He went to Pilate and requested the body of Jesus; then Pilate commanded it to be given to him. **59** So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in clean linen, **60** and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in rock. Then he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed. **61** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting before the tomb.

62 Now, the next day, which was after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate. **63** They said, "Lord, we remember what that deceiver said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' **64** Command, therefore, the tomb be secured until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and

steal him, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." **65** Pilate said to them, "You may have a squad; go, secure it as you can." **66** So they went with the guard and secured the tomb, sealing the stone.

Song: "Were You There" (*UMH #288, African American spiritual*)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (repeat)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:37-40, 44-45 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Then the righteous will answer asking, 'Majesty, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? **38** And when did we see you a stranger and gather you in, or naked and clothe you? **39** And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' **40** And the one who rules will answer them, 'Truly I tell you all, as much as you did for one of the least of these my kindred, you all did it to me.' ...

44 Then they will also answer, asking, 'Majesty, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you? **45** Then the ruler will answer them, 'Truly I tell you all, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you all did not do it for me.'

Silent Prayer & Reflection

"Were You There"

Poem: "Ridiculous King" (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

Special Music: "O Healing River" (*tune: Fred Hellerman / lyrics: Fran Minkoff*)

O healing river, send down your waters,

send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is thirsting. This land is parching.
No seed is growing in the barren ground.
This land is thirsting. This land is parching.
O heal us now, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish.
Let the deep roots nourish. Let the tall stalks rise.
Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,
Proud leaves uncurling against the skies.

O healing river, send down your waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.

O healing river, come heal our land.

ENGAGING

Poem: "Two Ways" (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (*UMH #665, Natalie Sleeth*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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