

**THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**  
Readings from Mark  
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

1. \*HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
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.  
  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.
  
2. \*HYMN “Ah, Dearest Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”  
Ah, dearest Jesus, how hast Thou offended?  
That we to judge Thee, hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.  
  
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone Thee!  
Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee: I crucified Thee.
  
3. \*HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand—  
The shadow of a mighty Rock with in a weary land.  
Ahome within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.  
  
I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss:  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.
  
4. \*HYMN “Were You There?” (vs. 1-2)  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh---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---oh--- Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

5. HYMN “Jesus, Remember Me”  
Jesus, Remember me, when you come into your Kingdom  
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(repeat 3 times)

6. AN AFFIRMATION AND PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Our God, is this your son Jesus hanging on the cross?  
The one who healed the sick, taught us how to live in your ways,  
proclaimed the coming of your reign?  
The one who was to share fully in your glory and sovereign rule?  
Is it through this dying one,  
is it from this cross that you assert your reign?  
So this is where you reign.  
You, Giver of Life, suffering, renewing, claiming dominion  
Here, where the power of death would force its way:

Here at this hospital bed, where someone is dying of cancer.  
Here amidst the wreckage of the accident, where children,  
their frames crushed, struggle to live.  
Here in the welfare office,  
where those who wait are measuring their hopes.  
Here in these tents,  
Where refugees mourn for homes they have fled.  
Here in this world, wherever death stalks your children:  
This is where you reign.

Give light to our vision, O God, that we may discover you,  
our Creator, amidst this groaning vision.  
Stir faith in our hearts, that our tongues may sing and knees bend  
before the exalted One who suffers.  
Give strength to our love, that where life struggles to prevail  
we would bring your renewing Spirit.  
We pray, as we would live, in the name of that One whose  
power is shaped as a cross: Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

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7. \*HYMN “Were You There?” (vs. 3-4)

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Oh---oh--- Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh---oh--- Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?