

Fifth Reading: John 19: 31-42

*Jesus' body is prepared for burial and laid in the tomb.
(time of silence)*

Hymn 144 (VU):

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn 149 (VU):

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my riches gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

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

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole real of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Sending Forth

We leave the shadow of the cross in prayer and silence.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Pembina Parish

Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's



Good Friday Service

April 10th, 2020

Welcome and Introduction

Lighting of the Lenten candle

Call to Worship

Come to the garden,
come to the hill,
come to the place of reflection.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we come.

Come to the courtyard,
come to the condemnations,
come to the seat of judgment.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we come.

Come to the crowds,
come to the cross,
come to the Place of the Skull.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we come.

As his disciples,
as his people,
we come to remember,
and to worship our God.

Gathering prayer

Gathering Hymn 135 (VU):

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your 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.

Introduction to the Passion Narrative according to John's Gospel

First Reading: John 18:1 – 18

The betrayal and arrest of Jesus.

(time of silence)

Hymn 144 (VU):

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (x2)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Second Reading: John 18: 19 – 38a

The High Priest and Pilate question Jesus.

(time of silence)

Hymn 144 (VU):

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (x2)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Third Reading: John 18: 38b- 19:16

Jesus is sentenced to death.

(time of silence)

Hymn 144 (VU):

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (x2)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Fourth Reading: John 19: 17 – 30

The crucifixion of Jesus.

(time of silence)

Hymn 144 (VU):

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (x2)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Fifth Reading: John 19: 31-42

Jesus' body is prepared for burial and laid in the tomb.

(time of silence)

Hymn 144 (VU):

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (x2)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?