

“My God, My God...”
Good Friday – April 2, 2021 – 7:00pm
UMC of Westport and Weston, CT
Livestream

PRELUDE *Were You There* Afro-American Spiritual, arr. W. F. Smith
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WELCOME Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

OPENING PRAYER

“Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.” John 13:38

Lord we have denied you,
Each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have betrayed you,
Each time we have kept our distance
from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have mocked you,
Each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we are lost and have strayed,
Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

All merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. On this night of sorrow, as we hear the stories of your Passion, we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways. Amen.

FIRST READING: *Jesus Brought before the State* Matthew 27:1-14

SECOND READING: *Jesus is Sentenced* Matthew 27: 15-26

THIRD READING: *Jesus is Crucified* Matthew 27: 27-37

FOURTH READING: *The Son of God* Matthew 27:38-44

FIFTH READING: *Jesus Breathed his Last* Matthew 27:45-54

MUSIC MEDITATION

God So Loved the World

John Stainer, arr. Florence Martin

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SIXTH READING: *The Burial of Jesus*

Matthew 27: 55-61

A TIME OF ANOINTING: *Burying the Past*

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SEVENTH READING: *The Tomb is Sealed*

Matthew 27: 62-66

BENEDICTION

Go in peace into this night.

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