

Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise





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Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Michele Murray

The Welcome

*Call to Worship

from Isaiah 53:6

Leader: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way;

People: and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Leader: You revealed your law to Moses, O God, **People:** But your people set up a golden calf.

Leader: You challenged them, through your great prophets,

to seek justice for the poor;

People: But your people preferred false prophets

who set their consciences at ease.

Leader: At last, O God, you sent your own Son to woo them back; **People:** But your people plugged up their ears and crucified him.

Leader: We are your people, O God, all of us: **People:** Guilty, judged, seeking forgiveness.

Leader: Accept our plea for mercy,

People For we offer it in the name of your Son, our crucified,

merciful Lord. Amen.

*Hymn NO. 218 (stanzas 1, 2 and 5)

Ah, Holy Jesus

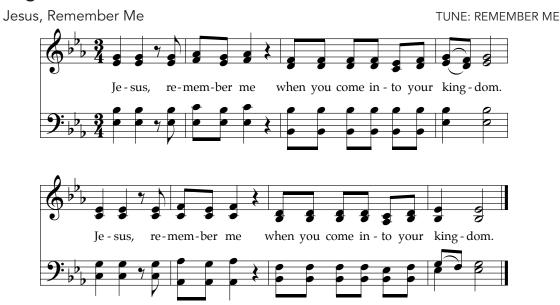
TUNE: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: your mercy is more than our minds can measure; your love outlasts our sin. Forgive our guilt and fear and angers. We pass by neighbors in distress, and are cruel to the needy. We are quick to blame others, slow in making up, and our resentments fester. Have mercy on us, O God, have mercy on us, who blindly live our lives, for we do not know what we are doing. Destroy sin and sick pride, and renew us by the love of Jesus, who was crucified, and died for us. Amen.

^{*} PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

Sung Invocation NO. 227 (sing twice)



Assurance of Pardon

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981

Isaiah 53

REMEMBER ME

Irregular

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

People: Yet we judged him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions,

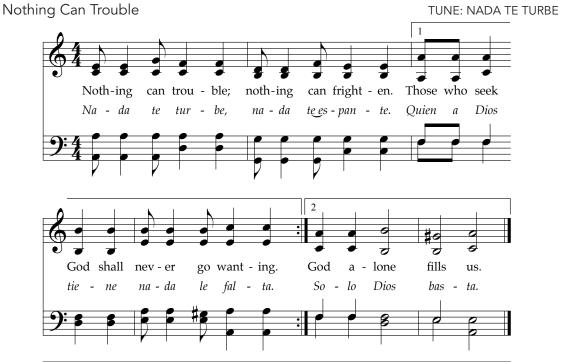
he was bruised for our iniquities;

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People: The punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by wounds we are healed.

*Sung Response NO. 820 (sing twice)



TEXT: Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th cent.; para. Taizé Community: Spanish, 1986; English, 1995 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986
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NADA TE TURBE Irregular

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

First Reading Psalm 22:1-2, 9-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn NO. 204 (sing twice)



This chant from Taizé intended for repeated singing is based on Jesus' request to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38/Mark14:34), a simple request they did not fulfill. When singing these words we need to hear in them an ongoing call to be alert and faithful.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1982

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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STAY WITH ME Irregular

Second Reading

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23: 33-49

TUNF: HAMBURG

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn NO. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Solo

Were You There?

TUNE: WERE YOU THERE

Please depart in silence.

holy week

During Holy Week, we invite you to visit our Prayer Stations and Labyrinth, designed for all ages, for reflection and prayer.

As we seek this Lenten season, engage with our interactive Prayer Stations and reflect on questions to deepen your faith. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble, and hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives as you seek answers to the big questions about our lives and our faith. Please feel free to walk the labyrinth on the South Lawn at any time, or begin or end your journey through the prayer stations with a contemplative walk.

good friday APRIL 7

Tenebrae, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

easter sunday APRIL 9

Sunrise Outdoor Worship, 7:00 AM in the Memorial Garden Easter Services, 9:00 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM on the Parish House Lawn

