GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
“Nails of the Cross”
Good Friday
Welcome! We’re glad you’re here.
Please sign in using the attendance books along the center aisles.

The Nails of the Cross

Musical Prelude
Sinfonia from Partita No. 2
J.S. Bach
Piano by Paul Akers

Introduction to the Service
The service tonight is known as the "Service of The Nails." It is a series of readings, responses, and silent reflection and prayer designed to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Good Friday.
Everyone is requested to take a nail from the basket in the Narthex, if they do not already have one, and to keep it with them for use during the service. For most of the service, including the entrance, you are asked to remain seated. (Worship designed by Rev. Richard Fairchild.)

Let us now prepare in silence to worship our God.

* Call to Worship based on Isaiah 52:13-15
   Rev. John Yoon

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you
Leader: See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
* PRAYER OF REPROACH

Leader: Let us pray.
All: O merciful God, you did not spare your only Son, but offered him up for us all, that he might bear our sins upon the cross. Grant that we might so examine ourselves that we realize our own sinfulness, so great as to spiritually crucify him anew. Help us to recognize those nails which we drive into his cross today, and transform us into more faithful disciples in his name. Amen.

THE NAILS OF THE CROSS

The Nail of Pride

Mark 12:38-40 Dr. Kate Hunter

Extinguishing The Light

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

Leader: O God, help us consider our own pride and where it leads.
All: O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our pride hurts us and creates walls between us and others.
Leader: O God, we know too that our pride hurts you.

Sung Response

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
The Nail of Betrayal  
**Matthew 26:47-56**  
Barbara Jo Wilson

Extinguishing The Light

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

**Leader:** O God, help us consider how we betray others, how we abandon them in their time of need, how we think of ourselves first.

**All:** O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our acts of betrayal hurt us and create walls between us and others.

**Leader:** O God, we know too that our betrayal hurts you.

Sung Response

Were you there when he walked the road alone?
Were you there when he walked the road alone?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when he walked the road alone?

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The Nail of Envy  
**Matthew 20:20-28**  
Rev. John Yoon

Extinguishing The Light

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

**Leader:** O God, help us consider how we envy others, how we desire more than we receive and seek to influence and rule over others.

**All:** O God - do not let us deceive ourselves. Our envy hurts us and creates walls between us and others.

**Leader:** O God, we know too that our envy hurts you.
Sung Response
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?

The Nail of Indecision  Matthew 27:20-24  Dr. Kate Hunter

Extinguishing The Light

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)
Leader: O God, help us consider how we waver, how we seek to avoid responsibility and to blame others for our actions.
All: O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our indecision hurts us and creates walls between us and others.
Leader: O God, we know too that our indecision hurts you.

Sung Response
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?
Extinguishing The Light

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

Leader: O God, help us consider how we are cruel to others, how we malign and slander others and add to the evil that comes upon them.

All: O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our cruelty hurts us and creates walls between us and others.

Leader: O God, we know too that our cruelty hurts you.

Sung Response
Were you there when they mocked the son of God?
Were you there when they mocked the son of God?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they mocked the son of God?

Extinguishing The Light

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

Leader: O God, help us consider how we show hate to others, how we fail to care for others and make distinctions among them.

All: O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our hatred hurts us and creates walls between us and others.
Leader: O God, we know too that our hatred hurts you.

Sung Response
Were you there when the sun refused shine?
Were you there when the sun refused shine?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

ACT OF CONFESSION
based on Isaiah 53:4-6

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.
All: He was wounded for our transgressions and he was bruised
for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that made
us whole.
Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to
our own way; and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of
us all.

As the music to "Were You There" is played, the congregation
is asked to come forward with their nail and place it into the
burlap cross, attached to our wooden cross in front of the altar.

RESPONSIVE READING: THE PROMISE OF MERCY
based on Isaiah 53:7-13

Leader: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not
open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he
did not open his mouth.
All: By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
Extinguishing The Light

**Leader:** They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**All:** Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

**Leader:** Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

**All:** The righteous one, God's servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

**Leader:** Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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**Solo**

**God, My Father**

Phil Bremenstuhl

from *The Seven Last Words of Christ*

by Theodore Dubois
PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Leader: Lord God, you have given us everything.
All: You have not held anything back, not even your only begotten son.

Leader: With humble hearts we thank you.
All: In new hope we offer to you and for the work of salvation our every gift and our very selves.

Leader: Be pleased, O God, in the name of Jesus, to accept all that we offer at this time. Look upon the intentions of our hearts. Hear our prayers and in your love answer.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: We ask all these things through him who taught us to pray to you, saying:

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
* HYMN #298  

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross  

* BENEDICTION

All depart in quietness

You are invited to continue to worship

Easter Sunrise Service - Mt. Rubidoux at 6:00 am

Easter Sunday at 10:00 am