

***Dignity/New York Liturgy for Good Friday
In-Person at the LGBTQ Center & Broadcast on Zoom
March 31, 2023***

Everyone is welcome to join us via Zoom.us
06:00PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens by 5:45 PM.

Additional Instructions and Preparation

- If participating in-person at the Center, please arrive by 5:45 pm. If you are able to read, let Lewis know so a role can be assigned.
- When signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- If participating remotely, have a crucifix handy for the veneration.
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

WELCOME: *We begin without music and without the typical greeting.*

Presider 1: At this hour, O God Most High,
while silence reigns
and the sun hides its face,
a world prostrate beneath its sins
lifts its eyes to the cross, as
we ponder the mystery of your saving will.

Open our hearts
to hear the story of the passion of Jesus,
to stretch out our hands in prayer,
to venerate the cross.

As we behold Jesus,
crucified in place of the guilty,
Life put to death
by human intolerance, hatred, anger, and fear,
may we take heart,
remembering the prayer of the dying thief
whose faith and hope was rewarded.

We ask this through Jesus, the Christ,
Our Passover and Peace,
who lives with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. **R/.** Amen.

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

Presider: With our eyes fixed on Jesus, whose blood was shed by intolerance, anger, and fear, let us seek pardon and peace from God as we pray:

Introduction to Holy Communion

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, God's Suffering Servant, our Wounded Healer, who takes away the sins of the world. How blessed we all are to be called to this table.

Response: **God, I am not worthy to receive you, only say the word and we are healed.**

Presider: Throughout Jesus' ministry, he called everyone, without exception, to dine at the table with him. He fed everyone, without exception. Christ has no body on earth now but yours. And so, we are called to come to the table and to feed one another with the body of Christ.

We ask you to wait till everyone has received the Eucharist so that we may receive the Eucharist together

Hymn: *Were You There*

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1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
6. Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Text: African-American spiritual

Closing Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

O God,
Send down your abundant blessings
Upon your people
who have recalled the death of your Incarnation, Jesus.
May our understanding of his crucifixion deepen.
As we continue to journey into the mystery of your life and death,
help our faith to grow stronger;
show us your mercy, bring us your comfort,
fill us with the hope of resurrection
We ask this through Christ our Life. Amen.

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 6:30 pm either at St. John's in the Village Church, 218 West 11th St, New York, NY or on Zoom as the liturgy is live streamed. Feel free to stay and say hello to others.

Announcements can be found at the back of the Sunday Worship Aid on the DignityNY.org website

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