



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Arr. Herbert Colvin

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## WELCOME & GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Leader: Lord, as we again snuff the candles one by one and see your cross rise

**All: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**

Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**All: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**

Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**All: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**

Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**All: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

## OPENING HYMN #288 *Were You There* (v. 1, 2, 5)

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?

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?

**Were You There**

William Farley Smith

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**REFLECTION****SPECIAL MUSIC****THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS****THE FIRST WORD** - Luke 23:34*Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.* - Jonathan*Extinguishing The Candle***THE SECOND WORD** - Luke 23:42-43*Truly, I tell you today you will be with me in Paradise* - Paul*Extinguishing The Candle***THE THIRD WORD** - John 19:26-27*“Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”*

- Sherry

*Extinguishing The Candle***OFFERING**

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**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)**

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*(Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40)*

**THE FOURTH WORD - Mark 15:34**

*Eloi, Eloi lema, sabachtani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? - Danielle*

*Extinguishing The Candle*

**THE FIFTH WORD - John 19:28**

*I am thirsty - Joshua*

*Extinguishing The Candle*

**THE SIXTH WORD - John 19:30**

*It is finished. - Joanna*

*Extinguishing The Candle*

**SPECIAL MUSIC - Richard and Marshall Jones****THE SEVENTH WORD - Luke 23:46**

*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. - Cheryl*

*Extinguishing The Candle*

**CLOSING MESSAGE – Rev. Jacob Lee**

**PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE – Hani**

**The Old Rugged Cross**

Arr. William Barnett

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**Anthem – Chancel Choir**

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