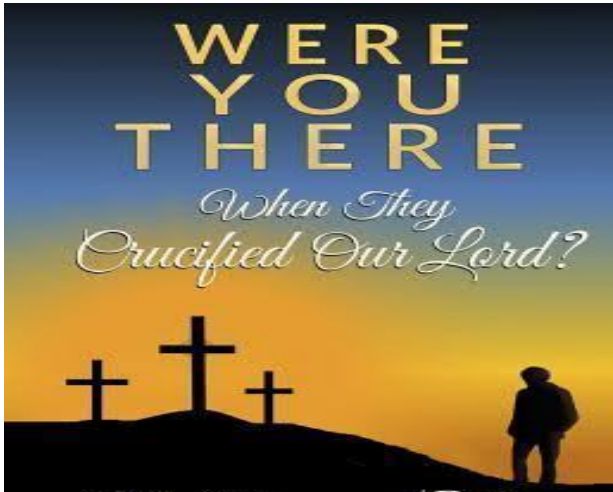


Were You There?
A Compass Easter Program
March 29th, 2023



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Preparing the Altar

Processional Song sung by the children

It's a Great Day to Praise the Lord

A Journey to the Cross

Palm Sunday- A Donkey Was There

(sung by children) Were You there When our Lord rode into town?

Reader ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and [Jesus] sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

Maundy Thursday - The Upper Room - Peter Was There

(sung by children) Were there when he washed his disciples' feet?

Readers Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

– Garden of Gethsemane – Peter, James and John

(sung by children) Were you there in the Garden when he prayed?

Readers ³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

Good Friday –

Jesus is Arrested and Mocked - Soldiers Were There

(sung by children) Were you there when he wore a thorny crown?

Readers And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him.

And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

And they led him out to crucify him.

Good Friday - Jesus is Crucified- Criminals were there

(Sung by all) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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?

Readers And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Luke 23:27

Good Friday –

Jesus is Nailed to the tree – Mother Mary and John Was There
(*Sung by all*) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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?

Readers ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Good Friday - His Death - A Centurion Was There

(*Sung by children*) Were you there when he breathed his last?

Reader ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son^[i] of God!”

Good Friday - Burial - Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

(sung by children) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Readers ³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloth with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Holy Saturday - In the tomb- Our Sins Were There

Readers Wait! My sins were buried there in the tomb!

Reader We were **buried** therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.

Homily - Were you there? *(by Pastor Tanney)*

Amazing Grace

(Sung by All)

Refrain: I've got a reason to sing and celebrate

I was bought by his blood and amazing grace

I've got a reason to sing and celebrate

I was bought by his blood and amazing grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed. Refrain:

(Select group of children) The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

(Sung by All) **Through many dangers toils and snares**

I have already come

This grace has brought me safe thus far

And grace will lead me home. Refrain:

(Select group of children)

When we've been there ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise

That when we'd first begun

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection - The Women Were There
(*Sung by all*) Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Oh...Sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Readers When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another,

“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them,

“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Easter Sunday - “He Has Risen! He is not Here!”

Reader 14 ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

My Redeemer Lives *(Sung by All)*

**I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe, I believe**

**My shame, He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe, I believe
I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave**

**My Redeemer lives
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My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives**

**You lift my burdens
I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your Kingdom come**

**My Redeemer lives
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You are invited to join us for our Holy Week services:

Palm Sunday (4/2) at 9am

Maundy Thursday (4/6) at 6pm

Good Friday (4/7) at 6pm

Easter Sunday (4/9) at 9am