



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Old Rugged Cross

Hays

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

We stand near the cross, O God— disturbed, distraught, discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. In the face of such suffering, show us the face of our Savior. In the shadow of such evil, show us the light of your grace On this day of great solemnity, let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day Christ died.

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

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The response for the remainder of the Prayer of Confession is

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 18:28-19:30

† HYMN

“Were You There”
verses 1, 2, 5

Hymnal #228

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

† You are invited to stand, as you are able

At the tolling of the bell, please leave the sanctuary in silence.

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