

April 3, 2026  
Tenebrae - Good Friday  
The Service of the Nails



**Prayers of Preparation**

Native American; Iroquois Oral Tradition

*We wait in the darkness! Come, all ye who listen, help in our night journey; now, no sun is shining; now no star is glowing; come, show us the pathway. The night is not friendly; it closes its eyelids; the moon has forgotten us; we wait in darkness.*

**Gathering in God's Name**

*Pie Jesus*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Duet: Troy Schmit & Tina Marie Casamento

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

John 19:17

**Taizé Chant**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

GTG 227

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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**The Nail of Denial**

Matthew 26:31-35

Deb Norton

**Unison Prayer:**

O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our pride hurts us and our denials  
create walls between us and others.

O God, we know that our denials hurt you, too.

*Pounding of Nails 3x's or  
dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

**Moment of Silence**

**Sung Response:**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**The Nail of Betrayal**

Matthew 26:47-56

Gail Stevens

**Unison Prayer:**

O God, help us consider how we betray others, how we abandon them in their time of  
need, how we think of ourselves first. O God, we know that our betrayal hurts you, too.

*Pounding of Nails 3x's or  
dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

**Moment of Silence**

**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?

**The Nail of Envy**

Matthew 20:20-28

Dave Norton

**Unison Prayer:**

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

O God, we know that our envy hurts you, too.

*Pounding of Nails 3x's or  
dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

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

**Moment of Silence**

**The Nail of Indecision**

Matthew 27: 15, 20-24

Betty Jean Schwartz

**Unison Prayer:**

O God, help us to consider how we waver,  
how we seek to avoid responsibility  
and to blame others for our actions.

O God, we know that our indecision hurts you, too.

*Pounding of Nails 3x's or  
dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

**Moment of Silence**

**Sung Response:** Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**The Nail of Cruelty**

Matthew 27:27-31, 37-42

Pam Jusino

**Unison Prayer:**

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

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

*Pounding of Nails 3x's or  
dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

**Moment of Silence**

**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?

**The Nail of Hatred**

Luke 6:22, 32-35

Marge Egger

**Unison Prayer:**

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

O God, we know that our hatred hurts you, too.

*Pounding of Nails 3x's  
dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

**Moment of Silence**

**Sung Response:** Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

**The Response**

**Act of Confession**

Isaiah 53:4-6

Pastor Eddie

"But he endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne. All the while we thought that his suffering was punishment sent by God. But because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received."

**People: All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going own way. But the Lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved.**

*Pounding of Nails 3x's or  
dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

**Moment of Silence**

**Song Response** O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

"He was treated harshly but endured it humbly; he never said a word. Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word."

**People: He was arrested and sentenced and led off to die, and no one cared about his fate. He was put to death for the sins of our people.**

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dropping the nail into the tin metal basket*

### **Moment of Silence**

**Song Response** O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

He was placed in a grave with evil men, he was buried with the rich, even though he had never committed a crime or ever told a lie."

**People: The Lord says, "It was my will that he should suffer; his death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness. And so, he will see his descendants; he will live a long life, and through him my purpose will succeed.**

After a life of suffering, he will again have joy; he will know that he did not suffer in vain. My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the punishment of many and, for his sake, I will forgive them.

**People: And so, I will give him a place of honor, a place among great and powerful people. He willingly gave his life and shared the fate of evil - He took the place of many sinners and prayed that they might be forgiven.**

### **Moment of Silence**

**Song Response** O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Christ Candle is extinguished &  
the Shrouding of the Cross in black

### **All Depart in Silence**

Please join us again on Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 am. for our Easter Sunday in-person and livestream worship service. We'll celebrate the Resurrection together where everyone is welcome to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

"We who are different are joined together."