

Valley Christian Church

Wednesday Lenten Worship Sounds of the Passion

March 29, 2023

THE PURPOSE OF OUR GATHERING

The season of Lent gives us an excellent opportunity to listen to the “Sounds of the Passion”. A moment to listen to the sounds Jesus heard in the last week of His life. Today we hear the sounds of the nails going into the body of Jesus..

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered to remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

We recall the suffering that Jesus faced for us.

He was rejected by the religious people of His day.

He was forsaken by His own disciples.

One of His own denied even knowing Him.

One betrayed Him into the hands of the enemy.

He was mocked and jeered by many.

Some struck Him and spit on Him.

They stripped Him and beat Him.

He was whipped with the lash.

He was forced to carry His own cross.

They took His clothes, casting lots for them.

They nailed Him to a cross outside the city.

He died as a rebel against Rome.

He suffered all of this because He was true to God.

He suffered all of this to set us free.

LENTEN HYMN

“Were You There”

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?

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?

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?

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 19:16-18, 28-30

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

MEDITATION

“The Nails”

PLACING THE NAILS IN OUR HANDS

COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE CROSS

HYMN OF LOVE

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know,

For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong;

They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me." [Refrain]

BENEDICTION Let us go forth in hope. Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures. Let us look forward to His resurrection as God's ultimate victory over sin and death and darkness and despair. Amen.

We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today.
We hope that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our way again soon.

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*The Nails are Hammered into Jesus'
Hands and Feet
Causing Pain to His Body*