



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 18, 2014

**Prelude**

Joel Hammett

**Call To Worship**

**Special Music**

Mass Choir

*Morning Cry*

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

**First Reading - Luke 23:32-34**

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Abba God, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

**Congregational Hymn**

*Were You There?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
(Ohh, sometimes it causes me to 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?  
(Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble), Tremble  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
(Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble), Tremble  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

African-American Spiritual, arr. By William Farley Smith  
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**Silent Reflection**

**Second Reading - Luke 23:39-43**

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the second rebuked the first, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this one has done nothing wrong." Then the second said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## Good Friday

Good Friday is the day when Christians commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus. This is an important event in Christianity, as it represents the sacrifices and suffering in Jesus' life.

The crucifixion was the culmination of a number of events in Holy Week, including: the triumphal return of Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus; and the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.

Good Friday is a day of mourning. Candles are often extinguished and statues, paintings and crosses may be draped in black, purple or gray cloth.

*Enter Paradise*

Words and Music by Regi Stone and Kristie Braselton

**Silent Reflection**

**Third Reading - John 19:25-27**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Offertory**

Joel Hammett

*Offering received for the MCC Global Justice Institute to support our efforts in Uganda, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Romania, China, Russia, and South America.*

**Fourth Reading - Matthew 27:45-46**

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Fifth Reading - John 19:28-29**

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

**Congregational Hymn**

*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.  
(Refrain)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.  
(Refrain)

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, Music by William Doane  
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**Silent Reflection**

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## Sixth Reading - John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Congregational Hymn

### *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

Words by Anonymous, Music by Hans Hassler  
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## Silent Reflection

## Seventh Reading - Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Abba God, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

## Congregational Hymn

### *Were You There?*

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
(Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble), Tremble  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
(Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble), Tremble  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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## Silent Reflection

## Eighth Reading - John 19:39-42

Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## Special Music

Mass Choir

*I Believe*  
Words and Music by Mark Miller

# COMING OUT OF OUR SHELL

## *Easter Worship*

Sunday, April 20  
9:00 & 11:00 am



**Thursday,  
April 24th**  
7 - 8:30 PM

Chair  
**Monica Pope**



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Please help us spread the word. Invite your friends, family, co-workers, kids, or anyone who wants to enjoy a fun night out in support of AFH. Over 120 are expected at Brio. A complete list of the participating restaurants in Houston is available at [www.diningoutforlife.com/houston](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/houston)

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## **Resurrection MCC Golf Tournament 2014**

SATURDAY

**APRIL 26**

Hermann Park Golf Course

**\$100 per Player**  
**\$400 per Foursome**  
Includes Green Fees, Cart,  
Breakfast, Lunch, Range Balls,  
2 Free Drink Tickets.

4-Person Florida Scramble with Awards for  
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