

for Lament: Robert Holliston and Martin Bonham

“Elegy” by Gabriel Fauré

“Prayer” by Ernest Bloch

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Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement:

Rev. Greg Powell

Lighting the Christ Candle (*in silence*)

Hymn: VU 136 O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile  
(see Insert)

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God of grief and of suffering,

Be with us in these hours

as we gather in the shadow of the cross of Christ  
and hear again the story of death and the sounds of  
burial.

Be with us, though this is not where we would choose to  
be: brought face to face with this symbol of death  
and instrument of torture.

Be with us, though we have sought to avoid such times:  
where we have ignored the cross or denied our own  
pain, or turned our backs on the sufferings of others.

You know the ways of the world, O God:

you have been there; you are here;  
you have loved and cried and lived and died  
to be with us, to comfort us,  
to forgive us and to free us.

For this we give thanks.

This we call ‘good.’ Amen.

Entering the Passion Story

♪♪ **Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (x2)**  
**Oh...sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,**  
**tremble.**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

John 18:1-11

♪♪ **Were you there in the garden after dark? (x2)**  
**Oh...sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,**  
**tremble.**

**Were you there in the garden after dark?**

John 18:12-27

♪♪ **Were you there when the cock began to crow?(x2)**  
**Oh...sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,**  
**tremble.**

**Were you there when the cock began to crow?**

John 18:28-40, John 19:1-16

♪♪ **Were you there when they shouted, “Crucify!”? (x2)**  
**Oh...sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,**  
**tremble.**

**Were you there when they shouted, “Crucify!”?**

John 19:17-27

“Vocalise” by André Previn

John 19:28-30

“Träumerei” by Robert Schumann

John 19:31- 42

Choir: How Could a God whose name is Love

~ Words: Ruth Duck ~

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 137 The Love That Clothes Itself in Light

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪ ♪ **Here in the shadow of the cross, we remember love; we remember love. Here, in the shadow of the cross we remember hope; we remember hope, we remember hope.**

**Here in the shadow of the cross, we remember grace, we remember grace. Go in peace and remember.**

~ words: Barbara Fuman, music: David Angerman~

*Please leave in silence*

## **James Bay United Church**

*Following in the way of Jesus  
on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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