



Kensington Presbyterian Church
Growing in faith and sharing God's love
 since 1786

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

WELCOME, we come to you from the un-ceded lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation.

We're glad this PDF has come to you.¹ If you're using a device, clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site. We are also welcoming people to worship in person on Sundays at 10:30, over Zoom, and on YouTube. Know that you are not alone.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca).



Announcements

Sunday Singing: Join Zoé on Sundays at 9:30 to share in the music.
Prayer Groups:

Zoom: Wednesday 6:30 am

Woman's Prayer Group: Thursdays 2-3:30 pm at Cathy's house
 talk to Ines or Cathy for more information

Bible Study on Luke: Wednesday 7-8 pm over zoom and in person

Jesus & Java: Thursday, 3:30 pm at Beetz, 5914 Sherbrooke @ Clifton
 A casual discussion about life and God

Friday's Food & Film Festival 6:30 pizza. RSVP appreciated

April 25: Quartet

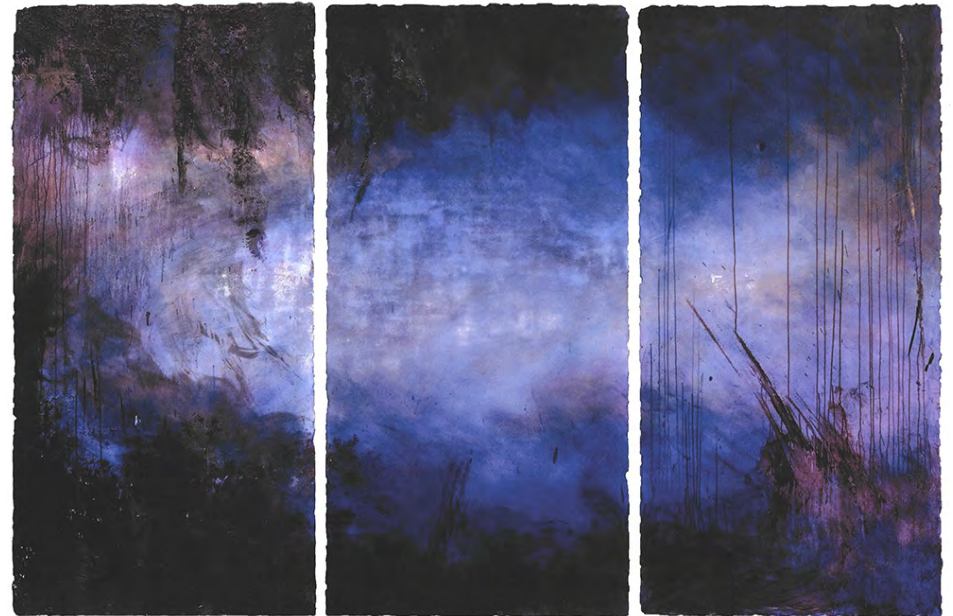
May 2: Wild Robot

Easter Breakfast: April 20 from 9 a.m.

at St. Ansgar's (4020 Grand at NDG) with free-will donations

¹ note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.

Rev. Peter Rombeek
 for Kensington Presbyterian Church



dust to dust - Linda McCray

Drop Box: Food donations are welcome for the Food Pantry at *Women on the Rise*, and items for children (ex. diapers) for young mothers through Head & Hands.

Webinar: Every Day is Earth Day: April 23 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
 Dr. Leora Gansworth will share some examples of how faith and action might work together to pursue an Anishinabe concept that talks about pursuing a good and balanced life.

presbyterian.ca/webinars/every-day-is-earth-day

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Today we will worship God in a Tenebrae style service. The word Tenebrae is Latin for darkness, and is a good description of this time. There will be no cute lambs or choirs of angels. This is the darkness before the light of Easter, when Jesus is killed and the sun is covered up.

Those attending in person will receive a stone. You are invited to find one and hold it as we go through the service. Feel the hardness, the rough edges. It will come up later.



Approaching God



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



Call to worship²

Gracious host and servant Lord, Jesus washes his disciples' feet
then shares a last supper, sign of the new community in him.

We behold him: a king holding no political office,

God becoming a mere human,

a saviour dying on a criminal's cross.

"My God, why have you forsaken me?"

echoes from ancient traditions

into the story we remember today. Let us worship God.



Prayer of Approach

Almighty God,

the Alpha and Omega,

you who know creation in and out,

loving each part, and wanting what is best for all.

We gather today - on Friday - on Good Friday.

This day of dread and betrayal and denial

that causes a pause in our busyness.
We gather to remember where your love led you;
how people responded
and how you responded.

We gather and recognize the horrible things people did
in response to their fear and desires
their temptations.

...and we recognize how we respond
in ways that still crucify you.

Help us to listen to your advice,
that we may not come into the trial.
and remember that ~~if~~ when that happens
you will join us
in a love stronger than anything we can imagine.
Amen.

♪ Hymn: 'Twas on that night #19 (537)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPieB7HOJHE



Listening to God



Intro to the readings

Last Sunday we celebrated Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with an exciting parade, and heard how Jesus wept because he knew that Jerusalem would not learn the ways for peace. They would not recognize God in their midst. Over the next few days Jesus would challenge the leaders, and be challenged in return. They'd debate paying taxes, life after death, and what it means to be ready. He would again predict the destruction of the Temple.³ When the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to have Jesus

³ which the Romans would do in response to increasing attacks - and would have happened in the recent memory of the writer and initial listeners.

² by Pat Dutcher-Walls and used today by congregations across Canada

killed they were joined by one of Jesus' disciples, Judas. Our story picks up after their arrangement.

This year as we journey through the day Jesus died, from the last supper to the cross, I invite you to not just imagine yourself in the story, but to imagine how we are still living this story.



Prayer

Jesus, Saviour

As we gather to follow your story,
and recognize our story,
may your Spirit move our hearts & minds -
so that we may come closer to you.

Amen.

Passover



Reading: Luke 22: 7-8, 14-15, 19-27



Meditation

Jesus gathered them around an annual celebration. One that helped define who they were. Those who were oppressed and led to freedom by God.

It was a familiar celebration. In it Jesus takes the normal and gives it special meaning - inviting them, and us, to remember God's saving actions in the normal parts of our lives - whenever we eat humble food or lift a cup.

Jesus invites them all - even the one who will betray him. He knows, and still keeps the relationship going.

But who is it?

Who isn't it?

We don't know Judas' motives, but we see familiar motives in the rest. The way they turn from Jesus to themselves. They way we want to be appreciated, well thought of, important... and fail to remember Jesus and the ways he teaches.



Last Supper - Murphy



Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Emmanuel: God with us
celebrating on special days,
walking with us on ordinary days,
and staying with us on horrible days.

You are present when we gather.

Present in 'every day' things,
and inviting us to be present with you.

Yet, we easily turn from you to ourselves.

To our desire to be appreciated, important, great
to be looked up to
rather than looking up to you.

Still

you invite everyone to be present
even those who would betray your vision.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: Broken for me #1.....pg10 (550)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKs1zoQv3fU

Support of friends

📖 Reading: Luke 22: 39-42, 45-46

✧ Meditation

Before the last set of trials that would lead to his rejection and death, Jesus prayed. In other gospels we hear about Jesus asking his closest friends to come with him; to support him. They fail, as we fail, to stay focused on Jesus - to stay focused.

...and so the time of trial comes.



🧎 Prayer

Jesus, lamb of God,
We admit we can't stay focused on you and your needs. It is so

hard to sit with you without letting our own needs overpower us - driving us "into the time of trial."

Amen.

♪ Hymn: Go to dark Gethsemane #1.....pg 9 (230)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLRCZGfcEW0>

betrayals

📖 Reading: Luke 22: 47-57

✧ Meditation
Betrayals.

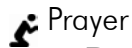
They can come in so many ways.

An obvious one is not respecting what the other wants. Jesus taught to love your enemy and forgive. Instead his students respond to their feelings of fear and pain by inflicting pain and fear. They lash out. We understand this. We've felt it. We've done it. But what did Jesus do?

The opposite of betrayal is love - but they can become so mixed up. Love can look like a kiss: welcoming; accepting. But this can also be used to force someone into harmful situations - a Judas kiss. Manipulation isn't love; it's betrayal.

Then there's the chief priests who try to control the relationship. They had lots of opportunities to meet Jesus, but they wanted it on their terms. They want their desires and hopes to control the interaction - the relationship. How open are you to Jesus? Do you put limits on what God can do?

And then there's denial. Peter denies knowing Jesus. We don't know if the servant-girl noticed Peter out of curiosity or accusation. We do know that Peter denied knowing Jesus. When you are with people who wonder about values or hope or God - do you mention God, or deny Jesus?



Prayer

Dear God,
we are thankful that your steadfast love endures forever,
because we don't.

We can use feelings to manipulate people, we try and control
situations to feel safe, and when we don't feel safe we can last
out or hide - and we do all this with you too.

Denying you in action ...and inaction.

Like those in these passages, we are also betraying you.
Amen.



Three Betrayals - Deborah Hoover

♪ Hymn: My song is love unknown #1, 3, 4.....pg 11 (220)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMar4wXsI0 (King's College)

www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=7CPlrA1CMwo

Going Along



Bible Reading: Luke 22: 66-71; 23:1, 14-25



Meditation

Jesus goes along with what people are saying. "You say that I am." It's like he knows that nothing he says will change their minds. We know people like that. We've probably been people like that. Fixed in our ways. Not listening to radical, impossible, or just challenging ideas that would upset our balanced life.

We also recognize we can be like Pilate. We know what is right, but go along with the crowds - letting society do things that are bad for the environment... for people... (especially identifiable minorities, refugees, low income, ...) ... instead of showing leadership for what is right.



Ecce Homo - Munkácsy



Prayer

Jesus,
there will come a time when you will be the judge,
looking at what we've said and done.

Thankfully you know us.

You know it can be hard to be open to your surprising ways,
to change our ways.

You know it can be hard to stand against a crowd
against friends

family

co-workers & neighbours

against our society

To show leadership for your love to be lived.

It is hard.

Amen.

♪ Anthem: Drop, drop slow tears

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhINuC9A_Ig (not the usual)

the crowd

📖 Bible reading: Luke 23: 26-38

✧ Meditation

Sometimes we think that by becoming a Christian, by following you, life will be easy. This is not what you promise. You even tell us it will be hard.

Here we hear of people making fun of you. They've heard you called a king, but you don't look like any sort of king they know. Loudly, they call out understandings - their misunderstandings. Who is to correct them?

Us? Do we stand up to those who mock you, fear you, spread their misunderstandings of what you represent? That you didn't come for yourself, but for us... for them... for everyone.



Christ mocked - Annie Fearon Walke

🙏 Prayer

Jesus, King of kings, Lord of lords,
You show us a way to live that is still so different from what
people expect.

And people don't get it.

They assume the worst stories they've heard
represent you.

It is hard to stand up to them.

We could be labelled - avoided - excluded.

Help us stand up

and share what a healthy king looks like.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: To Mock Your Reign O Dearest Lord.....pg 11

www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_tkchYZEQE

Come to Jesus

📖 Bible reading: Luke 23: 39-43



Meditation

If you've put down your stone, please take it up again.

...

Stones are what some people wanted to throw at Jesus during his life.

Stones are what would have cried out when Jesus came to Jerusalem - if the disciples had not raised their voices.

Stones are also what surrounded him in the tomb and through them he pushed his way back into life on the third day.

As we remember our Lord's death and see how he was crucified by the action or the apathy of people like ourselves.

Let us remember that it was for our sins that he died.

Let us remember the things in our life which are wrong; those which burden us, threaten each other and offend God.

And after we have recognized what these things are, let us give them to God to take away.

For Jesus is the one who said, 'Give me your burdens,' and Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

As Zoé plays, I invite you to consider Jesus' offer, and when you are ready, I invite you to leave your sins at the cross.



🎵 instrumental



Tears of St Peter - Vinícius Silva de Almeida

Hear these words of Jesus,
spoken directly to us:

*I am the good shepherd
and I know my sheep
and I lay down my life for them.*

*Whoever believes in me,
I will never turn away.⁴*

and while in torment on the cross,
“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Know that all who turn from sin in sorrow,
all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:

⁴ stages on the way 163

We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.⁵

♪ Hymn: be still me soul.....pg 12 (749 #1-2)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAT6PWayxCI

death

📖 Bible reading: Luke 23: 44-46

✧ Meditation
.... (silence)



Second Adam - Bruce Herman

responses

📖 Bible reading – Luke 23: 47-55

✧ Meditation
[cover the table]



mother and son pieta - Brink

🧎 Prayer

God. Your son is dead.
Jesus, our hope, is dead.
What will happen now?
What is left?
What can I do?
What can we do?

Amen.

♪ Hymn: Were you there.....pg 13 (233 #1, 2, 4, 5)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRaFdFkOVyY

note: You may feel that the end of our worship service is incomplete.
That's because it is, and it's an important time to remember.
Please join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for the continuation.

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'Twas on that night

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1. 'Twas on that night when doomed to know the ea - ger
 2. and af - ter thanks and glo - ry given to God who
 3. "My bro - ken bo - dy thus I give for you, for
 4. Then in his hands the cup he raised and God a

rage of eve - ry foe, that night in which he
 rules in earth and heaven, that sym - bol of his
 all; take, eat and live; and oft the sa - cred
 new he thanked and praised; the full - ness of God's

was be - trayed, the Sav - iour of the world took bread,
 flesh he broke, and thus to all his fol - lowers spoke:
 rite re - new that brings my won - drous love to view."
 grace he showed, and from his lips sal - va - tion flowed.

5. "My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,
 "to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
 in this the covenant is sealed,
 and heaven's eternal grace revealed.

6. "With suffering love this cup is given;
 let all partake the wine of heaven,
 and when you gather, let it pour
 in living memory of this hour."

See also: Rockingham 231

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Go to dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD NO. 76 777777

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, you that feel the
 2. Fol - low to the judge - ment hall; see him beat - en,
 3. Climb to Cal - vary's mourn - ful site: there the Lord of

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 bound, ar - rained; pa - tient - ly he bears it all,
 glo - ry reigns; there, through weak - ness, wins the fight,

watch with him one bit - ter hour. From his grief turn
 all our pain his soul sus - tained. Shun not suf - fering,
 o - ver sin our vic - tory gains. "It is fin - ished!"

not a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; there, in Christ, we dare to die.

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 Good Friday

Broken for me

BROKEN FOR ME Irregular

E Amaj7 E/G# F#m7 B7sus E

Refrain
Unison

p Amaj7 E/G# F#m7 Bsus2 - 1

Bro-ken for me, bro-ken for you,

E Amaj7 E/G# F#m7 Bsus2 - 1

the bo-dy of Je - sus, bro-ken for you.

Words: Janet Lunt (20th cent.) Music: Janet Lunt (20th cent.); arrangement, Andrew Maries

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E maj7 Asus2 - 1 E/G# F#m7 Bsus4 - 3

1. He of-fered his bo - dy; he poured out his soul;
2. Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;
3. This is my bo - dy giv - en for you;
4. This is my blood I shed for you,

E maj7 Asus2 - 1 E/G# F#m7 Bsus4 - 3

Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.
eat of my bread and drink of my wine.
eat it, re - mem - bering I died for you.
for your for - give - ness, mak-ing you new.

E /B Amaj7 Emaj7/G# F#m7 B7sus E

the bo-dy of Je - sus, bro-ken for you.

My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman, 1664

LOVE UNKNOWN
66 66 88

John Ireland, 1918

1. My song is love un-known— my Sav-ior's love to me, love to the
 2. He came from His blest throne sal-va-tion to be-stow; but men made
 3. Some-times they strew His way and His sweet prais-es sing; re-sound-ing
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the
 5. They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a-way. A mur-der-

love-less shown that they might love-ly be. Oh, who am I,
 strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But oh, my Friend,
 all the day ho-san-nas to their King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!"
 lame to run; He gave the blind their sight. Sweet in-ju-ries!
 er they save; the Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheer-ful He

that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 my Friend in-deed, who at my need His life did spend!
 is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.
 Yet they at these them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst Him rise,
 to suf-f'ring goes, that He His foes from thence might free.

6. In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was His home;
 but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like Thine.
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

162 To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord

1 To mock your reign, O dear-est Lord, they made a crown of thorns,
 2 In mock ac-claim, O gra-cious Lord, they snatched a pur-ple cloak,
 3 A scep-tered reed, O pa-tient Lord, they thrust in-to your hand,

set you with taunts a-long that road from which no one re- turns.
 your pas-sion turned, for all they cared in-to a sol-dier's joke.
 and act-ed out their grim cha-rate to its ap-point-ed end.

They could not know, as we do now, how glo-rious is that crown,
 They could not know, as we do now, that though we mer-it blame,
 They could not know, as we do now, though em-pires rise and fall,

that thorns would flower up-on your brow, your sor-rows heal our own.
 you will your robe of mer-cy throw a-round our na-ked shame.
 your king-dom shall not cease to grow till love em-brac-es all.

For an alternate arrangement see 10

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Be still, my soul

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F C/B \flat F/A C7/G F C7/B \flat F/A B \flat C7/C F

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

C/B \flat F/A C7/G F C/B \flat F/A B \flat C7/G F

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture wise - ly, as the past.
and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears,
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

F /E Dm F/A C Gm

leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
then shalt thou bet - ter know God's love, God's heart,
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief and fear are gone,

Words: Jane L. Borthwick (1813–1897), Katharina von Schlegel (1697–18th cent.)
Music: Jean Sibelius (1865–1957), Finlandia; arrangement, The Hymnal 1933 CCLI #4440603

D7/A Gm/B \flat F/C /A B \flat 6 (A) A

in eve - ry change God faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
who comes to soothe thy sor - row and thy fears.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

F /E Dm F/A C Gm

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: thy Je - sus can re - pay
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

D7/A Gm/B \flat F/C C7sus4-3 (F) F

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the voice that ruled them here on earth be - low.
from his own full - ness all death takes a - way.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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439 Were You There

WERE YOU THERE Irregular



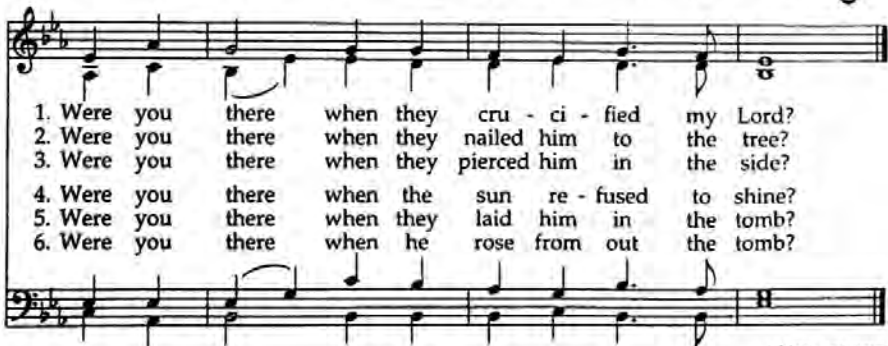
1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? Were you there
 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there
 6. Were you there when he rose from out the tomb? Were you there



1. when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. when they nailed him to the tree?
 3. when they pierced him in the side? Oh! _____
 4. when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5. when they laid him in the tomb?
 6. when he rose from out the tomb?

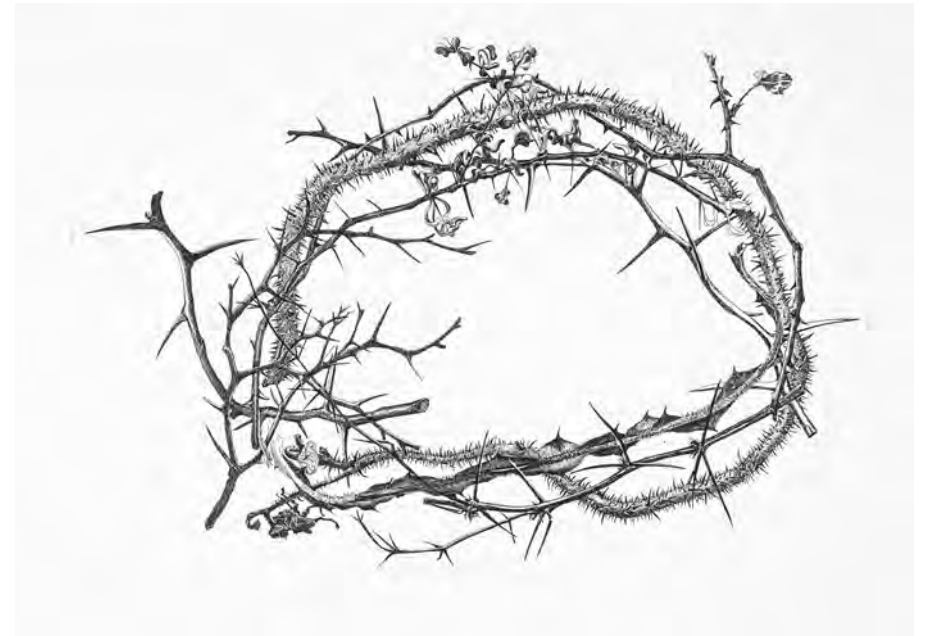


1.-6. Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble!



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 6. Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?

African-American



Crown of thorns 4 - Paul van Dongen