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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** Matthew Roy

**Lighting of the candles**

**\*Call to Worship** Isaiah 53:4-6 Tom Haugen

Leader: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering.

**People: Yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.**

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**All: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

**Musical Reflection**

**THE FIRST WORD** Susan Hughes

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

Reading: Psalm 51:1-14

*Prayer on the First Word from the Cross*

Almighty God, to whom your crucified Son prayed for the forgiveness of those who did not know what they were doing, grant that we, too, may be included in that prayer.

Whether we sin out of ignorance or intention, be merciful to us and grant us your acceptance and peace: in the name of Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. Amen.

**\*Hymn** **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** No. 178

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| 1. O sacred Head, now wounded,<br>With grief and shame weighed down,<br>Now scornfully surrounded<br>With thorns Thine only crown:<br>How pale Thou art with anguish,<br>With sore abuse and scorn,<br>How does that visage languish,<br>Which once was bright as morn! | 2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered<br>Was all for sinners' gain;<br>Mine, mine was the transgression,<br>But Thine the deadly pain.<br>Lo, here I fall, my Savior;<br>'Tis I deserve Thy place;<br>Look on me with Thy favor,<br>Assist me with Thy grace. |
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\* Please stand if you are able.

## Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Please fill out a Visitor Card or email us at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) so we can get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. You can also connect with us on our website at: [elmopres.org](http://elmopres.org) or on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

### ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

**Sunday School** for nursery age - grade 5 from 10:20—11:30 AM. Please check-in at the courtyard entrance. Elementary age children remain in worship until dismissed for ELMO Pres Kids Sunday school.

**Middle School** Youth Group (6th-8th grade) on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6:30-8:30 on the lower patio at ELMO Pres. Games, pizza, friends and God's Word!

### Easter at ELMO

**Easter Sunday, April 17th**

Join us at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary (Livestream) or 10:30 AM in the Courtyard for a celebration of our living and risen Savior! Special ELMO Pres Kids activities during the 10:30 AM gathering.

3. I will not boast in anything —  
 No gifts, no power, no wisdom —  
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
 His death and resurrection.  
 Why should I gain from His reward?  
 I cannot give an answer.  
 But this I know with all my heart:  
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

3. 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.

**THE SEVENTH WORD**

Terry Foil

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46

Reading: Luke 2:29-35

*Prayer on the Seventh Word from the Cross*

Father, into whose hands your Son Jesus Christ commended his spirit, grant that we too, following his example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into your faithful hands of love. In the name of Jesus who gave his life for us all. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

**Were You There?**

No. 181

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?

*Darkness*

*Tolling of the Bell*

*After a moment of silent reflection, the congregation is asked to leave in silence.*

**THE SECOND WORD**

Bob Phinney

"Today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23:43

Reading: John 14:1-6

*Prayer on the Second Word from the Cross*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to the repentant the joy of paradise, enable us by the Holy Spirit to repent and to receive your grace in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

**What Wondrous Love is This**

No. 177

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul,<br/>             O my soul!<br/>             What wondrous love is this, O my soul!<br/>             What wondrous love is this<br/>             That caused the Lord of bliss<br/>             To bear the dreadful curse for my soul,<br/>             for my soul<br/>             To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.</li> <li>2. When I was sinking won, sinking down,<br/>             sinking down,<br/>             When I was sinking down, sinking<br/>             down,<br/>             When I was sinking down<br/>             Beneath God's righteous frown,<br/>             Christ laid aside His crown for my soul,<br/>             for my soul,<br/>             Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing,<br/>             I will sing,<br/>             To God and to the Lamb I will sing,<br/>             To God and to the Lamb<br/>             Who is the great "I AM,"<br/>             While millions join the theme, I will sing,<br/>             I will sing,<br/>             While millions join the theme, I will sing.</li> <li>4. And when from death I'm free,<br/>             I'll sing on, I'll sing on,<br/>             And when from death I'm free,<br/>             I'll sing on,<br/>             And when from death I'm free, I'll sing<br/>             and joyful be,<br/>             And through eternity, I'll sing on,<br/>             I'll sing on,<br/>             And through eternity, I'll sing on!</li> </ol> |
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**THE THIRD WORD**

Nancy Phinney

"Dear woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27

Reading: Mark 3:31-35

*Prayer on the Third Word from the Cross*

O Blessed Savior, who in your hours of greatest suffering expressed compassion for your mother and made arrangements for her care, grant that we who seek to follow your example may show our concern for the needs of others, reaching out to provide for those who suffer in our human family. Hear this our prayer for your mercy's sake. Amen.

**Choral Reflection**

*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?*

**THE FOURTH WORD**

Wes Haystead

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

Reading: Psalm 22:1-11

*Prayer on the Fourth Word from the Cross*

Almighty God, who forsook your Son upon the cross showing the world your judgment upon human sin and guilt, grant us, upon hearing his cry, the grace to know and believe that we will never be forsaken, that he is present with us even to the end of the age: for the sake of Jesus Christ who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.

**\*Hymn****When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

No. 185

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| <p>1. When I survey the wondrous cross<br/>On which the Prince of glory died,<br/>My richest gain I count but loss,<br/>And pour contempt on all my pride.</p>          | <p>3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,<br/>Sorrow and love flow mingled down;<br/>Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,<br/>Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> |
| <p>2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,<br/>Save in the death of Christ, my God;<br/>All the vain things that charm me most—<br/>I sacrifice them to His blood.</p> | <p>4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,<br/>That were a present far too small:<br/>Love so amazing, so divine,<br/>Demands my soul, my life, my all.</p>              |

**THE FIFTH WORD**

Mary Slater

"I am thirsty." John 19:28

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

*Prayer on the Fifth Word from the Cross*

O blessed Savior, whose lips were dry and whose throat was parched, grant us the water of life that we who thirst after righteousness may find it quenched by your love and mercy, leading us to bring this same relief to others. Amen.

**Musical Reflection**

*Gethsemane*

**THE SIXTH WORD**

Rob Hale

"It is finished." John 19:30

Reading: Luke 13:31-35

*Prayer on the Sixth Word from the Cross*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who finished the work that you were sent to do, enable us by your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining your witness. O Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn****How Deep The Father's Love For Us**

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| <p>1. How deep the Father's love for us,<br/>How vast beyond all measure:<br/>That He should give His only Son<br/>To make a wretch His treasure.<br/>How great the pain of searing loss;<br/>The Father turns His face away<br/>As wounds which mar the Chosen One<br/>Bring many sons to glory.</p> | <p>2. Behold the man upon a cross,<br/>My sin upon His shoulders;<br/>Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice<br/>Call out among the scoffers.<br/>It was my sin that held Him there<br/>Until it was accomplished.<br/>His dying breath has brought me life;<br/>I know that it is finished.</p> |
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