

## QUESTIONED FOR CHRIST "A QUESTION OF FAITHFULNESS IN SUFFERING"

## **Entry of the Cross**

Call to Worship: "Questions Jesus Asked" from Mark 15:34

One: Jesus asked questions; questions that made people think, questions that invited His followers into a deeper relationship and commitment to Him.

ALL: Darkness fell at noon on the first Good Friday.

Three crosses stood on a garbage dump hill outside the city gate. Against a dark sky, a dark day in history, Jesus asked an aching question:

One: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?"

ALL: This question echoes in our own lives. We ask it too – in our times of struggle, in our loneliness, in our losses, in the times when the anguish and pain are just too much.

One: We ask it...but because of Good Friday, we know that God has not forsaken us; that Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Saviour, knows and understands and is with us through any and every suffering we face. We ask the question ourselves as a cry of pain, and as a cry of faith.

ALL: This question asks much of us. In our times of suffering may we know God's presence.

Hymn "There is a Green Hill Far Away" (Alexander)

Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 53 (p. 596)

Hymn "Man of Sorrows, What a Name" (Bliss)

Children's Time

Song "We Will Follow Jesus/Somlandela" (Trad. Congolese)

Scripture *Mark 15:1-15 (p. 826)* 

Message

Song: "Lord Have Mercy" (Merkel)

Scripture *Mark 15:16-32 (p. 826)* 

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Scripture: Mark 15:33-41 (p. 826)

The Nails, the Crown of Thorns, The Cross is Lifted Up



## Message

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"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (Townend)

Prayers of the People

Song "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Getty)

"The Power of the Cross" (Getty)

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Scripture *Mark 15:42-47 (p. 827)* 

Song "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Watts)

**Closing Prayer** 

Benediction

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