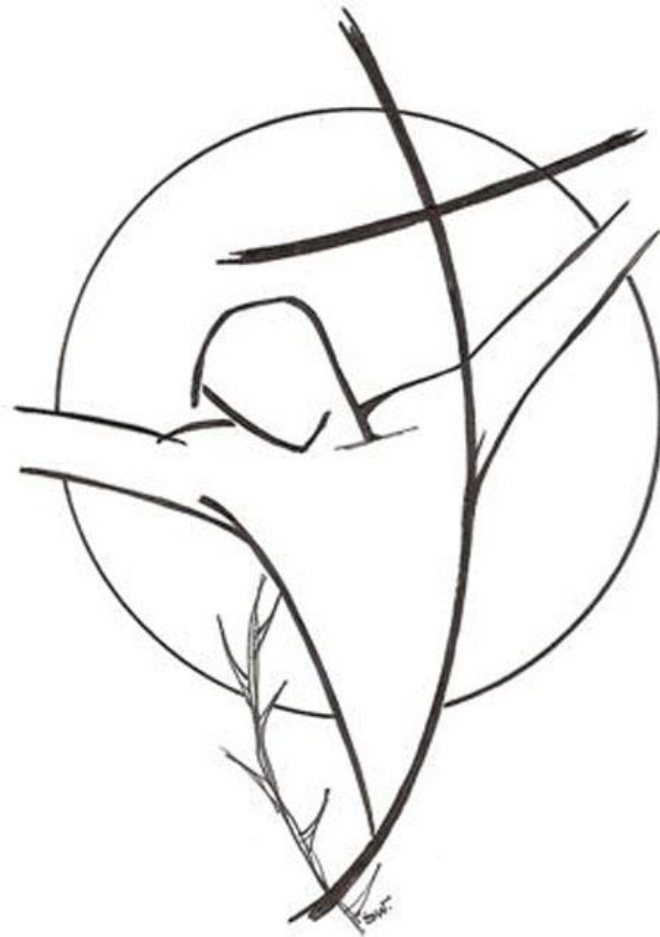


# Good Friday



Kowloon Union Church  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
7:30pm

Welcome

Opening Prayer/Invocation

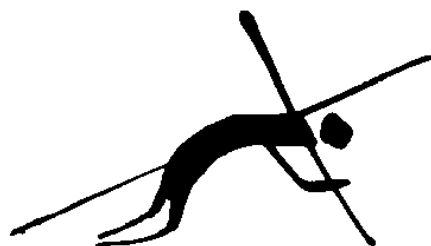
Song: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

- Watts /Miller

## PRAYER

One: Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
Look with mercy on your creation,  
For which your son, our brother Jesus,  
Suffered betrayal,  
Was given over to injustice,  
And died upon the cross;  
We who have participated in his  
humiliation,  
Come before you this day with the hope  
of forgiveness.

All: Amen.



# Wood and Nails by Trevor Thorn

Song: Were You There? v 1&2 - Unknown

We remember His Crucifixion



## MATTHEW 27:33-37

33And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; 36then they sat down there and kept watch over him. 37 Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

*Silence – the time of silence ends with the sounding of the bell*

## MATTHEW 27:38-44

38 Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' 41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes

and elders, were mocking him, saying, 42‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43He trusts in God; let God deliver him now if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.” ’ 44 The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

*Silence – the time of silence ends with the sounding of the bell*

## MATTHEW 27:45-50

45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 46And 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?’ 47When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’ 48 At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

*Silence – the time of silence ends with the sounding of the bell*



# Song: Were You There? (v3 & v1)

## Prayer

One: God sent Jesus into the world so that the world might have new life through him. Therefore, in thankfulness and hope, we pray for people everywhere according to their needs and for all those things which rise up within our hearts at this hour.

ALL: Almighty God, hear the prayers of all who call on you and give us joy in receiving your mercy. As our Lord Jesus taught us, we pray together and with assurance...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.

## The Story – Retold in Dance - Mayson Fung



The Women  
prepared the body.

# Covering of the Cross

One: Behold the life-giving cross,  
On which is placed the salvation of  
the world.

ALL: In our sorrow,  
Let us give thanks,  
For this great mystery.

(The cross is draped with a dark cloth.)

**SONG: Jesus Remember Me - Taizé**

Blessing

Silence

Ringling of the Bell

*After the ringing of the bell, please leave the  
church quietly when you are ready.*

# Holy Saturday

Here we are – in the waiting room: the place  
where everyone is a stranger;  
the space between death and burial.

Numbness and no-man's land

We women kept the watch  
while Joseph from Arimathea  
went to ask for the body.  
He has become the undertaker –  
the borrowed tomb, a chapel of rest –  
Because now we are entering a day of rest,  
when even this task, this last loving ministry,  
must be left half done.

Mourning is put on hold.

Death is a hard fact – but somehow, we need to touch it  
one more time, to know its finality,  
to show our respect, to let go.

Meanwhile, the story is incomplete

We the women, go on watching,  
waiting for the Sabbath to be over, so that we can return  
with spices at dawn  
on the first day of the week – and know for sure

it is finished:  
the one we love is not there....  
Know there is nothing to wait for anymore. . .

Jan Sutch Pickard

**Tonight in Worship:**

**Worship Leader: Maggie Mathieson**

**Pianist: Katie Ho**

**Reading: Ramon Bultron, Paul Lucas Sunita Suna,  
Amber Tong**

**Dance: Mayson Fung**

**Support : Daniel Tong**

**I.T.: Jen Pang , Bervinder Kaur**

**Join us on Sunday Morning at 10:30 am as  
we celebrate the Risen Lord! It is a joint  
Worship service with OBIC and UCCP.**