

## ***Come to the Cross and Remember***

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### Call to Worship

*From the busyness of our lives, we have come here on a night that is different.*

**In the midst of the world which holds the promise of spring and new life, we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.**

*Come and hear the tale, come and share the tragedy, come and embrace the darkness. Let us pray.*

**God of Light, God of Darkness, in our worship tonight, keep us aware of your presence in the darkness. Help us to see the meaning in this terrible story. Keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts. This we pray in the name of the man from Nazareth, Jesus the crucified Messiah, who died for our sins and the sin of this world. Amen.**

### **Come to the Cross and Remember**

O come to the cross and remember the Lord's final days; all the love Jesus showed as He walked the final road. Come remember.

### **The Messiah Has Come**

Bring your palm branches; there's joy in the street. "Hosanna, hosanna," the voices repeat. There is shouting and waving to this blessed one, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Join the procession and burst into song, and join with the voices of heaven's great throng. There's praising, celebrating that never is done, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Sing hosanna to the Son. Sing hosanna, the great Messiah come. Look in the faces; the pain melts away, for years of praying are answered today. The crying and grieving for now, it is done, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Lay down your pain; lay down your grief. Rest from your burdens; find relief. Finish your prayers of worry and fear. Lift up your head, the Lord is here!

### **Bring the Cup and the Bread**

Bring the cup and the bread to remember how He shared with disciples on that night, how He offered up the cup of His sacrificial love. We remember.

### **Love Filled the Cup**

Love filled the cup; Love broke the bread, poured out and broken for you. Come, take the cup; come, take the bread for they are poured out and broken for you. Father, I am Your Son; now come and make them one, one through love, so that the world will see their love and unity, and all will know, their lives will show that Love fills the cup; Love breaks the bread, poured out and broken for you.

## **Communion**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*You are invited to come forward, tear a piece of bread and dip in the cup, view the cross and the symbols, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, the elders will serve you in your seat.*

The Prayer after Communion

### **Go to Dark Gethsemane**

Go to dark Gethsemane as we bring the garden's flowers. "Take this cup away from Me." Hear Him pray that darkest hour. "Not my will; I am Your Son. Let Your holy will be done."

### **Bring the Thirty Silver Coins**

Bring the thirty silver coins and remember how Judas betrayed Him for this price. With the torch and the sword, they came to seize the Lord. We remember.

### **Judas**

Judas. Where have you been tonight? We wonder where you might have gone. Judas. What is that in your face? We think we see a trace of guilt or disgrace. Is it shame, or is it hate? O Judas. With torches, they appear. How could you bring them here, O Judas? How could you come to this? You betray Him with your kiss of treachery, and your kiss will surely lead to His death! Judas. Now what is left? Can you live with yourself and know whom you served, whom you loved, whom you lived for, and know what you did, whom you betrayed, whom you sent to die? Judas.

### **Bring the Robe and the Crown**

Bring the robe and crown of thorns and remember how they called Jesus, "King of the Jews." But they mocked Him with the name and heaped upon Him shame. We remember.

### **Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs**

Surely He has borne our griefs, and He has carried all our sorrows; yet we have thought Him to be stricken, struck down by God and afflicted. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for all our iniquities, and with His stripes we are healed. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.

### **O Sacred Hands, Now Wounded**

O sacred hands, now wounded and nailed upon a tree; the feet that walked on water are pierced by cruelty. How could love be so precious and bought at such a cost? The Lord of earth and heaven now hangs upon a cross.

## You Will Be with Me in Paradise

Jan Zoesch, alto  
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You will be with Me in paradise. Remember me, O Lord. Remember me when You reach Your heavenly throne. You are my only hope for heaven. I put my trust in You alone. Remember me in paradise. When my body is just too weary to live another day on this earth. Lord, lift me up into Your Kingdom and give my soul a second birth. Remember me in paradise. In My Father's house are many mansions. I'll prepare a place for you. I will come to bring you home. I will come again to bring you home. Remember me, O Lord when I come before Your throne. You are my hope for heaven. I will trust in You alone. Remember me. I will welcome you.

## Hold the Shroud in Your Hands

Hold the shroud in your hands and remember how His body was wrapped into the cloth. In the grave's darkened room, they sealed Him in a tomb. We remember.

## Waitin' for the Mornin'

Waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise. O when I'm prayin' on my knees, and my heart is gripped with agony, I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise up! I'm waitin' and though the shadows of pain and death try to shroud my soul with hopelessness, I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise. When my joy and strength are almost gone, I'm gonna keep the faith and just hold on, 'cause I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise up! And when the darkness tries to overcome, it won't last forever and will soon be done, so I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise.

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## Wallace Presbyterian Chancel Choir

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Christ's journey to the cross is filled with images that serve as vivid reminders of His sacrificial love for us. These images are the centerpiece of ***Come to the Cross and Remember***. Symbols of these images are brought forth tonight by **Wallace Presbyterian Youth**.

