



Funeral Service for Jesus of Nazareth
April 7, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: “Jesus, Remember Me” # 327 VT

Scriptures: Psalm 69:1-21; Isaiah 53:1-9

Music: “Were You There” from The Soil and The Seed Project

Obituary

Music: “O Christ, You Wept” by John Bell
from The Last Journey

Scripture: John 15:12-17

Tribute: Simon Peter, disciple

Tribute: Mary Magdalene, friend

Symbols Jesus Shared: Bread and Cup and Footwashing

Hymn: “When I survey the Wondrous Cross” # 323 VT

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Music: “Go Silent Friend” by John Bell
from The Last Journey

*******You are encouraged to leave the sanctuary in silence.*******

Thank you to all the readers and song leaders for this evening’s service.

NOTE: In this service, we put ourselves into the shoes of Jesus’ family and closest friends as they mourned his death. They did not have a funeral for Jesus, but they saw his body and knew that he died. In our culture, we have a funeral for people who have died. When we perform that ritual, it is clear that someone has passed away. Having a service that is funeral-like on Good Friday can hammer home to us in a very deep, visceral way that Jesus really died. We are putting ourselves into the shoes of the disciples and Jesus’ family; just after he died.

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