

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup by Intinction

(Upon invitation of Pastor Yerger, please proceed to the communion table up the *center* aisle, receive and eat the bread and then take a cup from the tray, drink the juice and put it back in the tray. Either exit silently out the *side* aisle or return to your seat for silent meditation. There will be no benediction until we celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday)

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*First Presbyterian Church (ECO)  
of Punta Gorda  
Good Friday Communion Service  
March 30, 2018  
12:00 p.m.*



*"Surely he took up our infirmities  
and carried our sorrows, ..."  
Isaiah 53:4*

*A Communion Service*  
*March 30, 2018*

# Prelude

## Call to Worship

Pastor Larry Yerger

Leader: My God! My God! Why have You abandoned me?  
Why are You so far from delivering me—from my  
groaning words!

**People:** My God, I cry out to You throughout the day,  
but You do not answer; and throughout the  
night, but I have no rest.

Leader: You are Holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: Our ancestors trusted in you; they trusted and  
You delivered them.

Leader: They cried out to You and escaped;  
they trusted in You.

**People:** Everyone who sees me mocks me; they gape at me with open mouths and shake their heads at me...but still I worship You.

\*Hymn 324 vs. 1-3      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O most holy God, we come this day to confess our sins and to seek Your infinite mercy in Jesus Christ. We confess that it is our selfishness and our unwillingness to follow Your ways that nailed Jesus to the cross. Please forgive us when we fail to do what we know is right; when we do that which we know is wrong; and when we seek to satisfy our wants and desires rather than Your will. Help us to turn from our sinful ways to living lives that are filled with the love and mercy of Your Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior. For it is in His name that we ask for Your forgiveness. Amen.

\*Declaration of Pardon

Scripture Matthew 27.27a, 35-36, 45-52 (NLT)

Meditation “Miracles Happen” Pastor Larry Yerger

\*Hymn 315                      *Were You There?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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 O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?