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## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Bell's 1<sup>st</sup> ring.** As the tubular bells are ringing please find your seat and pray silently for the next few minutes. Please refrain from conversations as these disturb those trying to pray.

**Katrina Lourdiane:** Before we proceed with this night's festivities, we will take a few moments to share a Holy Greeting and Holy Welcome. Please introduce yourself to those you do not know by your first name, and welcome everyone! We are observing COVID safety protocols so, we may wave to each other.



## **THE BELL IS TOLLED 39 TIMES**

**Ed Askins:** The bell at Ray Of Hope Church, 380 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Elmira, NY, is dedicated to the memory of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. The bell is a gift from Michael Quinnell of Syracuse, NY. Michael gave us this bell and had it installed in September 2005. TONIGHT WE TOLL THE BELL TO HONOR the 39 lashes Jesus endured that we now celebrate in victory and gratitude for our Salvation. The 39 lashes Jesus endured were not in vain but were a fulfillment of the prophecy in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 53, verse 5; "The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes, we are healed." Listen carefully and see if you can hear all 39 rings.



## **Liturgy Of Gathering And Call To Worship**

**Welcome: Veronica Floyd:** Everyone is welcome to the continuation of our celebration of Holy Week, "the week that changed the world." Ephesians 5:16 calls us to redeem the time, and tonight we will do just that together. This evening we celebrate the Sacrifice Of The Cross, the Passion itself.

**Lisa Frost:** Please rise as you are able for our First Hymn in the Notebook #71:

On a hill far away. The Old Rugged Cross. Please look around you and be sure everyone has found the page in our notebooks. This is also in the Music Supplement online.

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## **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

### **SECOND SONG: Lift High The Cross**

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt., © 1974, Hope Publishing Co. Onelicense Song # 01923 Lead Me, Guide Me 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 726 Used with permission. Onlicense # 81048 Used with Print Permission and Streaming License A-741278

### **To Legends for tonight:**

The robin's breast is said to be red because when a Robin felt Christ's pain during his Crucifixion, it pulled a thorn from his brow and some blood fell in the breast of the Robin, thus turning the breast red in honor of Christ. (source: <https://www.birdspot.co.uk/culture/the-legend-of-robin-redbreast>)

See the legend of the Dogwood here: <https://vintonmessenger.com/vinton-history-museum-what-is-the-legend-of-the-dogwood-tree/>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS** **OUR CALENDAR**

Vigil of the Resurrection tomorrow, Saturday, April 19, 7:45 p.m.

No service on Sunday, April 20.

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