

Good Friday April 9, 1982

At a time of commemorating the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, we gather here at Draper laboratory to remember on this day that we Christians have a choice: to stand with the crucified or to stand with the crucifiers.

We gather here at Draper Laboratory to stand with those who are mocked, tortured and murdered, those who are homeless, starving and abandoned while nuclear think-tanks like Draper Laboratory and military installations nation-wide, flourish.

We gather here to respond to Jesus' failed summons to His disciples to: "Stay here and keep watch" (Mark 14:34) as he awaited betrayal and death.

We gather here repentant, mournful, cognizant of the cost of negligence, the numbing objectification of the victim, the temptation to keep invisible, inaudible, the ravaged bodies and faces, the wrenching cries of our contemporary Christs, our innocent victims.

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We gather here to watch and to listen, to focus on Christ's "Way of the Cross," as the way of suffering love, a way of choice, a way we can best describe in our own world through images of the horrifying human cost of violence.

We acknowledge our temptation to remain asleep, as did the Apostles in the garden, while brothers and sisters cry out to us, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch."

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