

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Good Friday

*From the time of the early church, pilgrims went to the Holy Land
to follow Christ's journey on Good Friday.*

*Today, we are Christ's pilgrims and we come today
to follow Christ, even to the cross.*

*Today's worship service incorporates the stories of Jesus
as he journeys to the cross following the Last Supper.*

*The rhythm of the service will include
i) a reading, ii) a brief meditation or prayer iii) a song.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Agnus Dei - C. Gounod, Rosemonde Desjardin, Soloist*

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *When I survey the wondrous cross* No. 231

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GOOD FRIDAY LENTEN LITURGY

SPECIAL MUSIC *"I can only imagine"*
words and music by Bart Millard - Rev. Alexander Wilson

WORD

John 18:1-8 *Jesus in the Garden, Betrayal*

MEDITATION

HYMN *Beneath the cross of Jesus* No. 238

John 18:12-24 *Taken to the House of Annas and Caiaphas*

MEDITATION

HYMN *Rock of ages, cleft for me* No. 240

John 18:25-27 *Simon Peter Denies being a Disciple of Jesus*

MEDITATION

HYMN *What are these wounds in your hands, dear Saviour* No.241

John 18:28a, 33-38 *Taken to the Headquarters of Pilate*

MEDITATION

HYMN *Were you there (v.1)* No. 233

John 18:39-40 *The People Choose Barabbas to be Set Free*

MEDITATION

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HYMN *Were you there (v.2)* No. 233

John 19:16b-22 Jesus is crucified on Golgotha

MEDITATION

HYMN *Were you there (v. 3)* No.233

John 19:25b-27 Jesus Gives His Mother into the Care of His Disciple

MEDITATION

HYMN *Were you there (v.4)* No. 233

John 19:38-42 Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus Place the
Body of Jesus in a Tomb in the Garden

MEDITATION

HYMN *Were you there (v.5)* No. 233

RESPONSE

AN AFFIRMATION AND PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS *Andantino* from "Deux Antiennes" - L. Niedermeyer

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN *What wondrous love is this* No. 242

THE BLESSING

*Following the blessing, you are invited to reflect in silence. The
silence will be concluded with the tolling of the bells.*

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we walk with Christ in the dark shadow of the cross, knowing we have weighed him down, our burdens crushed his shoulders,

All: His suffering is for us, for us he willingly endured death.

One: Let us trust in God alone, and walk the way of the cross together, let us move forward without fear into God's eternal purposes.

All: Then we will never know disgrace, and we will learn to praise our God who never abandons us.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Men and women of Jerusalem, enslaved to mob rule, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Pilate, slave of expediency, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: The story of Christ's passion and death mirrors for us much of our own weakness and sin. We all come here as men and women who have missed the mark and who are alienated from God and our neighbour near and far. Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

GOOD FRIDAY LENTEN LITURGY

One: God sent the Son into the world

All: not to condemn the world but to save the world that all may have abundant life.

One: What shall we return to the Lord for such bounty?

All: Let us lift up the cup of salvation, let us call on the name of the Lord, let us pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all.

One: We lift up the cup of salvation

All: in remembrance of the crucified and risen one, in remembrance of those who know the cup of suffering, in remembrance of those who need liberation.

One: Lord, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

One: Lord, have mercy Let us pray: Creator God, your love for the world is infinite and unending. Your Son Jesus our Saviour commands us to love one another, to love our neighbour, to love our enemy. So may we live this holy love day by day till all people and the whole creation know your love and abundant life; through Jesus the life of the world. Amen.

AN AFFIRMATION AND PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

One: Our God,
Is this your son Jesus hanging on the cross?
The one who healed the sick, taught us how to live in your ways, proclaimed the coming of your reign?

All: The one who was to share in your glory and sovereign rule? Is it through this dying one,

One: is it from this cross that you assert your reign?
So this is where you reign.

All: You, Giver of Life, suffering, renewing, claiming dominion Here, where the power of death would force its way; Here at this hospital bed or nursing home, where someone is alone, vulnerable, struggling.

One: Here in our homes, where a parent, or a child, feels hopeless while battling depression.

All: Here in our church, where we are overworked, overstretched, overwhelmed.

One: Here in this city, where the poorest sleep in shelters unable to distance physically.

All: Here in this world, where children grew up in refugee camps never to find a home.

One: Here in this world, wherever death stalks your children:
This is where you reign.

All: Give light to our vision, O God, that we may discover you, our Creator, amidst this groaning creation. Stir faith in our hearts,

One: That our tongues may sing and knees bend before the exalted One who suffers. Give strength to our love, that where life struggles to prevail, we would bring your renewing Spirit.

All: We pray, as we would live, in the name of that One whose power is shaped as a cross: Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory; forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: What can we bring you today, Lord?

All: **Your sacrifice is so great; our gifts seem so meager;**

One: yet you open your arms to us and accept us as we are.

All: **Take what we have and use it, Lord, for the good of your kingdom. Amen.**

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