
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



March 25, 2016 - Good Friday
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit when you see this symbol: *

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **Wir setzen uns mit Tränen nieder**

from 'St. Matthew Passion'

(J.S. Bach)

*Opening Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! VU 127, vs1-3
to tune Winchester New (VU 20)

Call to Worship

One: Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross,
the king of kings is crowned with thorns
and wears the purple robe of mockery.

**All: Jesus came to show us the way from sin and death.
We come to worship together, on this, God's Friday.**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious God, be with us in the darkness of these hours as we gather in the shadow of the cross and hear again the story of death. This is not where we feel comfortable, where we would choose to be, O God. Forgive us when we have chosen the easy way – when we have avoided such times, when we have denied our own pain, when we have turned our backs on the sufferings of others. Strengthen us to be here today, knowing that you are here with us. We pray in the name of Jesus who loved, cried, lived, and died, to be with us, comfort us, forgive us, and free us. Amen.

Extinguishing of 9th Candle

Reading: **John 13:1-9** Jesus Washes Disciples Feet

Hymn **Here, O My Lord**

VU 459 vs. 1-3

Extinguishing of 8th Candle

Reading: **John 15:9-17** Love One Another

Hymn **God Who Gives to Life its Goodness**

VU 260

Extinguishing of 7th Candle

Reading: **Matthew 26:36-46** Jesus Prays in Garden

- * Chanting of the Kaddish in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke
- * Blowing the Shofar
- * Extinguishing of Christ candle

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~ Please Process from Sanctuary in Silence ~

Special thanks are extended to Guy Farb LL.B., Baal Tokeah for Beth Isaiah Synagogue, Guelph, for his instruction in chanting the Kaddish, playing the Shofar, and for loaning us his Shofar; and to Dave D. for bringing the Jewish elements of chanting Kaddish and blowing the shofar to this Good Friday service. Thank you also to today's layreaders Peggy S. and Evelyn S..

***Join us after the service today
for refreshments in the Rainbow Room***



The Kaddish is an ancient prayer of praise, written in Aramaic, not Hebrew, that expresses the longing for the establishment of God's kingdom on earth.

Originally recited by rabbis when they had finished giving their sermons (the Rabbi's Kaddish), in time the prayer was modified and became associated with mourning. Saying the Kaddish is a Mitzvah, a true act of kindness, and one of the basic cornerstones of traditional Jewish life. The words of the Kaddish provide lasting comfort by stressing the greatness and sovereignty of God. The word 'Kaddish' means sanctification, referring to the hallowing of God's Name and is more closely associated with the celebration of life over death.

Worship with us this Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Communion Service 10:30 a.m.



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