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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



April 10, 2020 – Good Friday

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms.

We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship - Psalm 22 verses 1-5, 19, 27, 28 (adapted)

God, our God, why have you forsaken us?

Why are you so far from helping us,
from our groans and discontent?

God, we cry by day, but no answers come;
and by night, we find no rest.

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

O Lord, do not be far away!

Source of our help, come quickly to our aid!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you;
and all families...shall worship before you.

For dominion belongs to you, O Lord,
your love enwraps our hearts,
you rule over the nations.

Holy Week — *adapted from a prayer by Anne Weems*

Holy is the week...

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...

We move from hosannas to horror with predictable ease
of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung, our palms waved...

And on [this] darkest of days, each of us must stand
beneath the tree

and watch the dying

if we are to be there

when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning

is through the unrelenting shadows of [this] Friday.

Only then will the alleluias be sung;

only then will the dancing begin.

Opening Hymn **There is a Green Hill Far Away** VU 152

*There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.*

*We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.*

*He died that we might be forgiv'n,
He died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heav'n,
Saved by His precious blood.*

*There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate
of heav'n, and let us in.*

*O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.*

Praise Song for the Pandemic from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCYoikGal6U>

Station One – Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die

Anthem – Father Forgive Them (Pepper Choplin)

Station Two – Jesus Accepts His Cross

Anthem – He Grew the Tree

Station Three – Simon Helps Carry the Cross

Hymn – Between the Darkness and Light

Manal Hreib (text) and Daphna Rosenberg (music)

*Between Darkness and Light, I will always walk
And wherever I will go
I will open the window of light
And will plant the seeds of love.*

Station Four – Jesus Speaks to the Women

Anthem - Rend Collective – Weep with Me

Station Five – Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Hymn – 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?*

*His dying Crimson, like a Robe,
Spreads o'er his Body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the Globe,
And all the Globe is dead to me.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Station Six – Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Anthem - O Come and Mourn (arr. Hal Hopson)

Station Seven – Jesus Cares for His Mother

Anthem – Ave Maria (Franz Biebl)

Reading – Mary Oliver – In Blackwater Woods

Station Eight – Jesus Dies on the Cross

Closing Hymn – Were You There

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! 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?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

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