



# **Westminster United Church**

**Good Friday Worship Service**

**Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Rev. Sherri McConnell, Minister

Don Menzies, Organist

Nathan Poole, Director of Music in Worship

Rebecca McIntosh, Jennifer Turner, Fred Simpson Soloists

*Welcome to this Good Friday service. In this morning's service, the story of Good Friday will be shared using both the New Revised Standard Version Bible and Eugene Petersen's, The Message. Please note we will remain seated for the singing of the hymns. When the service ends, after the tolling of the bells, 33 times to mark what is thought to be Jesus' 33 years of life, we will leave in silence.*

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

**The love of Jesus refused to compromise with the powerful.**

Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

**The love of Jesus took the tough but faithful road.**

Love calls us here, the love of the crucified One.

**The love of Jesus struggled with the easy way out.**

Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One

**The love of Jesus endured the fear, the denial, the rejection of his friends.**

It is the love of Jesus that calls us here.

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN VU 133      Go to Dark Gethsemane**

### OPENING THE STORY

**HYMN VU 152      There Is a Green Hill Far Away**

### REMEMBERING THE STORY

### IN THE GARDEN (Mark 14: 32-37; 39-42)

Choir: MV 90 Don't Be Afraid

by John L. Bell and Graham Maule

1<sup>st</sup> Candle is extinguished

Silence

**BETRAYAL AND ARREST (Mark 14: 43-50)**

Solo: O My Boy: Jesus my First and Only Son

From The Confession Stone. Music by Robert Fleming, words by Owen Dobson

Given by Jennifer Turner

*2<sup>nd</sup> Candle is extinguished*

*Silence*

**CONDEMNATION AND DENIAL (Mark 14: 53-72)**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Candle is extinguished*

*Silence*

**JESUS BEFORE PILATE (Mark 15: 1-15)**

Solo: The Sorrow of Saint John

Words by Hermon Ould, Music by David Carter

given by Fred Simpson

*4<sup>th</sup> Candle is extinguished*

*Silence*

**CROWN OF THORNS (March 15 : 16-20)**

*5<sup>th</sup> Candle is extinguished*

*Silence*

**CRUCIFIED (Mark 15: 25-32)**

Anthem: And No Bird Sang

Words and Music by Douglas E. Wagner

*6<sup>th</sup> candle extinguished*

*Silence*

**THE LAST (Mark 15: 33-38)**

Solo: Cold and Icy in my Bed

From The Confession Stone. Music by Robert Fleming, words by Owen Dobson

Given by Rebecca McIntosh

*The Christ Candle is extinguished*

*Silence*

## PRAYER

One: We come to the cross,  
We look up,  
We see the broken Christ,  
And we pray for those broken in our world.  
We pray for refugees who have had to flee from their homes  
and communities,  
We pray for children forced to fight and those exploited,  
We pray for those caught in the midst of war and violent forces  
We pray for those hated by their neighbours or bullied by their  
peers.  
We pray for those with little voice, oppressed, dominated and  
marginalized by systems and powers that crush spirits and  
collude economically, politically, religiously.....

**All: We pray for the broken.**

One: We come to the cross,  
We look up.  
see the suffering Christ,  
And we pray for those suffering in our communities  
the homeless,  
the abused,  
the neglected, the forgotten,  
the lonely and the alone  
those we know who are sick, for family members, friends, and  
for members of our faith community...  
For those who have lost loved ones and continue to find their  
way...

For those whose focus is only to survive and have had to put dreams or hopes to one side.

**All: We pray for the suffering.**

One: We come to the cross,  
We look up.  
We see an abandoned Christ.  
We bring to mind those whose friends have let them down,  
whose fears dominate and control,  
We bring to mind the unemployed and rejected,  
children who are not loved; relationships that are not loving

**All: We pray for those abandoned.**

One: We come to the cross,  
We look up,  
and Christ surrounds us  
We feel reflections of his helplessness,  
We are aware of those parts of our own spirits and lives which  
are suffering,  
We wish that our friends would be there for us.  
We know how, in our deepest pain, we seek to feel God, hear  
God,  
to know we are not alone  
And as we reflect on our own needs,  
As we reflect upon the needs of our world  
We hang onto a relentless faith that seeks nothing but God

**All: And we wait...**

Hymn VU 144      Were You There vs. 1,3,5

**THE BURIAL (Mark 15 : 42-47)**

Choir: MV 90 Don't Be Afraid

by John L. Bell and Graham Maule

*Silence*

**CLOSING WORDS**

**TOLLING OF THE BELLS**

**LEAVE IN SILENCE**

*We leave with somber emotions the story of this day brings, yet with the assurance and knowledge that death is not the final word. Please return to join in our Easter celebration Sunday morning at 10:30.*



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