

Bayview United Church

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Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. P. Keveren

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Interlude

Christ Candle Lighting

One: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World! **(light candle)**

All: He brings compassion, justice, courage, hope, joy and love to all people. (light candles)

One: May His Light shine brightly in our hearts for all time!

Call to Worship

One: The cheers of 'hosanna' have grown silent.

All: The waved palm branches shrivel on the side of the road.

One: We stand in the shadow of the cross.

All: With awe and wonder we draw near to the sanctuary of sacrifice at Golgotha.

One: We gather at the place of sorrow and suffering, agony and tears.

All: Only the power of a holy love could make this Friday "good" and this ground holy.

***Hymn (149)** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of the Cross, we gather here not as innocent observers of a great tragedy, but as those who, like the disciples, can turn away from the difficult road. We can be like Peter and deny our Lord, or like Judas and betray our Lord, or like the

Chief Priests and protect our own interests, or like the mob and search for a scapegoat, or like Pilate and go along with the worst instead of standing up for the best. God of the Cross, help us to stand with Jesus on this our life journey. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 22:1-15 E. Scott

Solo "He Was Despised" Handel
Soloist: Penny Tibbles Cookson

Second Reading Psalm 22:16-31 P. Widgery

***Hymn (135)** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" vs.1 & 2

Offering "Is There One?" Allemande - Henri Dumont

*** Dedication 518** "As Those of Old..." verse 2

A world in need now summons us

**to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.**

The church of Christ is calling us

**to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.**

***Prayer**

Anthem "Face the Cross" David Lantz III
L. Fusé, oboe

The Arrest of Jesus Matthew 26:47-50; 27:3-4a J. Brooker
Judas Speaks (extinguish candle)

Hymn (144)

Were you there when my Lord was being betrayed? (x2)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when my Lord was being betrayed?

Peter Denies Jesus Luke 22:54-62 D. Domelle
Peter Speaks (extinguish candle)

Hymn (144)

**Were you there when my Lord was being denied? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when my Lord was being denied?**

Jesus is Sentenced to Death Matthew 27:15-26 H. Ichiyen

Pilate Speaks (extinguish candle)

Hymn (144)

**Were you there when they sentenced Christ to death? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they sentenced Christ to death?**

Jesus is Crucified Luke 23:26-31 C. Ichiyen

Mary Magdalene Speaks (extinguish candle)

Hymn (144)

**Were you there when they took away my Lord? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they took away my Lord?**

The Death of Jesus Mark 15:33-39 K. Shikaze

A Soldier Speaks (extinguish candle)

Hymn (144)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

The Burial of Jesus Luke 23:50-55 L. Fujita

Thomas Speaks (extinguish candle)

Hymn (144)

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

Prayer of Remembrance Rev. Cooper

***Hymn** "The Old Rugged Cross" vs. 1, 2 & 4

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.***

Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. **(Refrain)**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. **(Refrain)**

Christ Candle Extinguishing

(Please leave the sanctuary silently)

- * Welcome to the Good Friday service. Please join for refreshments following the service.
- * Many thank to all those who participated in the service today through the readings, music and providing refreshments.
- * Easter celebration service is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.