

Bayview United Church

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Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Prelude "Were You There?" arr. C. Berry

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cooper

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.

***Processional Hymn (135)** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Compassionate God, we who once knelt in wonder at Jesus' cradle at birth, now stand at the foot of the cross. We

come carrying our own crosses, perhaps invisible to others, yet only too real to us. We bring the burden of our losses to You: the loss of love, the loss of dreams, the loss of health, the loss of courage. Find us and strengthen us, O God, as we continue our journey. Amen.

Anthem "And No Bird Sang" Douglas E Wagner

Prayer for Grace (unison)

At the foot of the cross we gather not as innocent observers, but as those who share responsibility. Like Peter, we have denied the truth and let others down. Like Judas, we have said and done things we later regret. Like the chief priests, we have put our own interests first. Like the mob, we have blamed and judged another. Like Pilate, we have washed our hands and stepped aside to allow injustice. God of the cross, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: We move to the foot of the cross, tearfully admitting the pain we have caused and turn to Jesus for healing.

All: Jesus' love for us never wavers. Jesus says, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

One: We are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God!

***Hymn (149)** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" vs. 1,3,4

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 53:1-12 E. Turnbull
(The suffering servant)

Anthem "Why Does My Saviour Weep?" Patrick Liebergen

Offering "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Bach arr. D. Wyrzten

*** 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

Good Friday Monologues from John's Gospel

Introduction D. Amos

The Arrest of Jesus John 18:1-14 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 John 18:15-27 R. Bloor
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 Before Pilate John 18:28-40 K. Shikaze
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 John 19:1-8; 14-16 B. Haddock
Mary, wife of Cleopas, 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 John 19:16b-27 P. Widgery

Mary, Mother of Jesus 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 John 19:28-30; 38-42 I. Kagawa
Nicodemus 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?

Mary Magdalene Speaks D. Amos
(Christ candle remains lit)

Solo "The Crucifixion", Op.29 #5 Samuel Barber
Soloist: P. Tibbles, alto

(Please leave the sanctuary silently)

* Welcome to the Good Friday service. Please join us for refreshments following the service.

* Many thank to all those who participated in the service today through the readings, music, ushering and providing refreshments.

* **Head Usher:** B. Jackson
Ushers today: H. and K. Nagata
P. and P. Watanabe

* Easter celebration service is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.