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Worship Service

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Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2nd, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Reflection:

Forgiveness is overlooking mistakes and letting go of resentments. Forgiveness frees us from the needless pain of reliving a hurt over and over. Forgiveness doesn't make a wrong choice right; it brings the generosity of spirit to release it. Forgiveness can heal even the most grievous offence. It brings a blessed opportunity for a clean start. Accepting Divine forgiveness transforms our hopeless guilt into resolve. Self-forgiveness moves us forward, ready to do things differently, with compassion for ourselves and faith that we can change. Forgiveness opens the door of hope.

(The Virtues Project)

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Prelude "Mary, Did You Know?" B. Greene
arr. Jack Schrader



Words of Welcome

Christ Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

The cheers of "hosanna" have grown silent. The palm branches used to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem a few short days ago are shriveled on the side of the road.

As we stand in the shadow of the cross we wonder, why do we focus on this event?

We'd rather just get on with Easter. But Easter is meaningless and hollow without Good Friday.

A great mystery of our faith is that new life, and new hope and new creation emerged out of suffering and even death.

So let us not shrink from the painful side of life. Let us cry when it is time to cry and let us rejoice when it is time to rejoice.

Let us praise God, who is with us in sorrow and joy. Let us now journey with Jesus to the cross.

Opening Prayer (unison)

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

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

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus
my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love,
and my unworthiness.

Prayer for Grace (unison)

We gather, O God, 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

We tearfully admit the pain we have caused and turn to Jesus for healing. Jesus' love never wavers. Jesus says, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Paintings of the Crucifixion by Bertram Brooker
Shared by J. Brooker



"Crucifixion"

Solo

"All in the April Evening"

. Katharine Tynan, H.S. Robertson
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Good Friday Monologues

Betrayal of Jesus Matthew 26:14-16; 47-56

L. Clubine-Ito

Judas Speaks

M. Kitagawa

Prayer (unison)

God of forgiveness, we pray for all who are disillusioned in pursuit of their ideal. Help those who have compromised themselves or taken desperate measures when life did not go according to their plan. Encourage us, like Judas, to recognize our own shortcomings and regrets. Grant us the grace to forgive those who cannot forgive themselves. Amen.

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 Sentence, Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Matthew 27:15-17, 20, 35-37 and Luke 23:44-49

L. Clubine-Ito

The Centurion Speaks

K. Liddle

Prayer (unison)

O God, as we remember the soldiers who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, we know that any involvement in violence can distort our values and diminish our sensibilities. May the wounds caused by conflict stir us to seek peace in our families, communities and world. Amen.

Hymn (144)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Jesus' Final Words to his Mother John 19:25-27

L. Clubine-Ito

Mother Mary Speaks

J. Cermak

Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we are grateful for those who stand with us during difficult times when we need them the most. We grieve with all parents who, like Mary the mother of Jesus, bear the pain of the death of a child. Help us to be ready and willing to care for and support each other as our mother and father, brother and sister, son and daughter, until the whole world is our family. Amen.

Hymn (144)

Were you there when they took him from the cross? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they took him from the cross?

Jesus is Placed in a Tomb Mark 15:42-47

L. Clubine-Ito



Entombment

Joseph of Arimathea Speaks

P. Watanabe

Prayer (unison)

God of justice, we pray for all governing leaders who must weigh the balance of opposing views. Give them a heart of compassion and a head for common sense when making decisions that affect the lives of other people. Grant all of us courage to speak out for what is good, right and honest. May we live with integrity and stand in solidarity with those whom we love. Amen.

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

Solo "Pie Jesu" from the *Requiem* A. Lloyd Webber
L. Lazar, soprano

Benediction

Choral Blessing "The Old Rugged Cross" vs. 1, 2

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)**

Christ Candle Extinguishing

Postlude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
L. Mason, arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Good Friday Service. We hope you found it meaningful. Good Friday is a day to reflect on Jesus' life and ministry. It helps us to pause and remember the significant impact he has in our lives and in the world. Good Friday reminds us Easter is coming!

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to L. Clubine-Ito for reading our scriptures. Our thanks to our monologue readers M. Kitagawa, K. Liddle, J. Cermak and P. Watanabe. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Lenten Project: Since 2017, when violence escalated in Myanmar's Rakhine State, more than 720,000 children and adults from the ethnic Rohingya minority have sought refuge in Bangladesh, fearing for their lives. Many are exhausted, sick and hungry. Save the Children is providing vital food, shelter, health, nutrition, hygiene and emotional care to the children.

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Our **Lenten Offering** this year will go to support the Rohingya Crisis in Cox's Bazaar, through **Save the Children**. You are invited to send a donation to BUC anytime in Lent or at Easter. If you make a donation, please specify "Lent, Save the Children". Thank you for your support of this important cause.

Today, Friday, April 2nd, 11:00 a.m. - Good Friday Service. We will remember the last day of Jesus' life.

Sunday, April 4th, Easter Sunday. You will hear an Easter fanfare by J. Liddle on the trumpet along with some special music and solos. Let's celebrate the joy of Easter together.

Sunday, April 11th, Second Sunday of Easter. D. Kai and M. Bown will be leading our worship service by sharing some of the music he has written.

Rev. Cooper will be off from April 5th to April 12th.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

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Bertram Brooker, born in Croydon, England, in 1888, immigrated with his birth family to Manitoba in 1905. He met his wife in Portage La Prairie. They began their family in Winnipeg and then moved to Toronto in the early 20s. Their third child was born there.

In Toronto, he worked as a writer for syndicated newspaper columns. He began painting in this period and joined the Arts and Letters Club, which exposed him to many of the great Canadian artists, writers and musicians of the day. He produced the first abstract art exhibition in Canada in 1927.



"Jesus"

During the 30s, his painting and writing both progressed and he won the first Governor General's Prize for fiction with *Think of The Earth* in 1936. A successful novel of biblical times, *The Robber*, was published later. He also wrote plays, screenplays, essays and poetry.

While best known for his painting and drawing (both pencil and ink), his writing and advertising work are recently receiving more scholarly attention and a new book of prose (short stories and essays) was published in 2010, *The Wrong World*.



Bertram Brooker
1888-1955

Special thanks to J. Brooker, for sharing his grandfather's paintings with us in our service.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in for our Easter Sunday Service.

Have a blessed day!