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Worship Service

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Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15th, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Moment of Reflection:

"I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining
I believe in love, even when there's no one there.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.
I believe through any trial, there is always a way
But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there
But a voice rises within me, saying hold on, my child,
I'll give you strength,
I'll give you hope. Just stay a little while.
May there someday be sunshine
May there someday be happiness
May there someday be love
May there someday be peace...."

- Unknown (written during WW2, on the wall of a cellar,
by a Jewish person in the Cologne concentration camp)

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Prelude

"Were You There?"

African-American spiritual, arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Christ Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Come let us gather at the foot of the cross:
Where truth is mocked and justice denied;

Where Holy Love refused to compromise;
Where goodness and innocence hang humiliated;

Where Jesus is rejected with disdain and crucified;
Where God's love is stretched to the limit;

Where human failure and Divine forgiveness intersect.

We gather at the foot of the cross where only Holy
Love can make this Friday good.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, we stand at the foot of the cross with sad and humble spirits. Our hearts are breaking, as we remember the events of this day when Jesus was put on trial before Pilate and sentenced to death on the cross. Rekindle in us the flame of Your healing love in our lives so that we may be strengthened for the journey ahead. 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)

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

We tearfully admit any 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!

First Lesson Psalm 22:1-15 V. Watanabe
(My God, why have you abandoned me?)

Anthem "Face the Cross" H.Frombach/David Lantz III
(recorded April, 2017) L. Fusé, oboe

Second Lesson Psalm 22:16-31 P. Watanabe
(We will worship and praise the Lord.)

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

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross vs.1,3,4
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 3 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?
- 4 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.

Paintings of the Crucifixion

by B. Brooker
Shared by J. Brooker



Crucifixion

Solo “When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”
Christopher Idle/Lloyd Larson
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

The Ten Stations of the Cross

Introduction Rev. Cooper

Station One: Jesus is Condemned to Death
K. Liddle

Hymn (144) “Were You There”
Were you there when they sentenced Him to death? x2
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they sentenced Him to death?

Station Two: Jesus Accepts His Cross
J. Brooker

Hymn (144)
Were you there when they gave my Lord the cross? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they gave my Lord the cross?

Station Three: Jesus Falls the First Time

C. Watanabe

Hymn (144)
Were you there when He took the cross and fell? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He took the cross and fell?

Station Four: Jesus Meets His Mother

C. MacLean

Hymn (144)
Were you there when His mother cried for Him? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when His mother cried for Him?

Station Five: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus
Carry the Cross

K. Shikaze

Hymn (144)
Were you there when he helped Him with the cross? x2
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he helped Him with the cross? x2

Station Six: Jesus Speaks to the Weeping Women

Hymn (144) S. Yamashita
Were you there when the women wept for Him? (x2)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the women wept for Him?

Station Seven: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

P. Watanabe

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?

Station Eight: Jesus Dies on the Cross

M. Kitagawa

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?

Station Nine: Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross

L. Clubine-Ito

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?

Station Ten: The Burial of Jesus

D. Domelle

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 (151) "Lift High the Cross" vs. 1,4,5

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God. R

4 Saviour, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. R

5 So shall our song of triumph ever be
praise to the Crucified for victory. R

Christ Candle Extinguishing

Postlude

"Oblivion"

Astor Piazzolla

J. Liddle, trumpet



Entombment

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope you found the worship
service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, and R. Bloor for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks
to P. and V. Watanabe for reading our scriptures. Thank
you to our Good Friday readers: J. Brooker,
L. Clubine-Ito, D. Domelle, M. Kitagawa, K. Liddle,
C. MacLean, K. Shikaze, C. Watanabe, P. Watanabe,
S. Yamashita. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and
P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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Special thanks to J. Liddle for playing the trumpet today. Always a blessing.

Today, Friday, April 15th, 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday service. We will remember the last day of Jesus' life.

Sunday, April 17th, Easter Sunday. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, with special guest preacher the Rev. C. Prebble, along with special music from J. Liddle on trumpet and our virtual choir.

Lenten Offering Project:

This year you are invited to support the United Church **Gifts with Vision** program. Your **donations** given to **BUC** on **Easter Sunday** will go towards supporting the following 3 projects:

1. In many communities in Zambia, water has to be brought from far away, often by young girls. The time-consuming task of bringing daily water forces them to give up their education. The People's Action Forum is **drilling a well** at Kamulaseni Community School in Chipata. With clean and safe water available locally, more girls will be able to stay in school, and the local community will benefit.

2. An **olive tree** can live 1,000 years in harsh conditions and yields a generous harvest. Over decades of Israeli military occupation, hundreds of thousands of olive trees in Palestine have been systematically destroyed. Many Palestinians rely on olive trees for their livelihood, nutrition, and other vital uses. Join the YWCA of Palestine and East Jerusalem YMCA in helping Palestinians plant trees for prosperity and peace.

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3. More than 80 million people worldwide are currently fleeing danger, persecution, or starvation. Around the world, **displaced persons** face untold suffering and need, and their number is growing. On average, one person is displaced every two seconds. Food, shelter, education and training, health care, and other vital programs for displaced persons are even more important during the pandemic. The United Church's partners in Africa, the Middle East, and South America provide care and support to people who have had to leave everything behind. **Thank you!**

B. 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

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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*.



B. Brooker
1888-1955

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