

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Musician: Donna Fenton

April 15th, 2022

Good Friday

"[Pontius Pilate] released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished..." Luke 23: 25

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service

Musical Prelude

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

-Bonnie Mahlum

Praise:

"O sacred head, sore wounded"

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O sacred head, sore wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; how art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does that visage languish which once was bright as morn.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain; lo, here I fall, my Saviour; 'tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favour; oh grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? Oh make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, oh let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

Be near when I am dying; oh show thy cross to me, and to my rescue flying, come, Lord, and set me free: these eyes, new faith receiving, from Jesus shall not move, for those who die believing die safely through thy love.

Prayer of Confession

God of loving kindness, you sent Christ into the world that we might have life and have it abundantly. Yet we live lives that are sometimes deadly, and certainly less than your purposes intend. We allow your world to be filled with violence and terror, turning on our neighbours; our trust in you is shallow, our faithfulness falters. In the face of uncertainty and trouble, we forget that your loving kindness governs all things. Forgive us, God, for who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall become through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Praise: ***“Oh come and mourn with me awhile”*** **#237**

Oh come and mourn with me awhile; oh come ye to the Saviour's side; oh come, together let us mourn; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Ah! look how patiently he hangs: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Seven times he spoke, seven words of love, and all three hours his silence cried, “Forgive: they know not what they do.” Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

O love of God! O human sin! In this dread act your strength is tried, and victory remains with love: for Christ, our Lord, is crucified.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

A Liturgy of Words from the Cross (Part I)

Luke 23: 26-27, 32-34, 39-42

- Gerri Madill

John 19: 25b-27

- The Rev. George Yando

Matthew 27: 45-46

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Reflection:

“Remember Me”

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***“When I survey the wondrous cross”*** **#231**

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

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

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?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Offertory

"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

– Donna Fenton, Mark Behrend & Jackie Behrend *African Traditional Music*

A Liturgy of Words from the Cross (Part II)

John 19: 28-29

- Gerri Madill

John 19: 30

- The Rev. George Yando

A Time of Silent Reflection and Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Luke 23: 47-53

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The congregation is invited to depart in silence.





Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday

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One: During Lent, we remember that even in the darkest moments of suffering and pain God is with us.

All: Jesus Christ was ridiculed and crucified for all people.

One: While innocent, Jesus died a gruelling death on the cross to show us the way to God's love and grace.

All: The hour of defeat, suffering and humiliation was the moment of victory, honour and glory.

One: Jesus Christ died for us. Let us respond to God's grace by living lives worthy of Christ's immeasurable gift.

All: We will take up our cross and serve Jesus the Christ.

One: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God,
the gift of Christ's death on the cross is beyond our understanding. In gratitude for Christ's sacrifice, we pray for the courage to follow him and to have our lives changed by him in whose name we pray. Amen.



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Helping her Family Lead a Healthy Life

In Guatemala, 43-year-old Adelina López Vásquez lives with her husband Rafael and their family in Comitancillo, in the highlands of Guatemala.

Adelina is a health and nutrition promotor in her community and a member of "San Juaneritas," a group of women working together on agricultural projects.

The mother of 11 recalls how her life was very different before taking on the role. "I didn't put much importance in maintaining a healthy and nutritious diet for my family," she reflects.

Through training workshops hosted by AMMID—PWS&D's partner in Guatemala—Adelina has gained new knowledge and skills.

She's learned the importance of maintaining a clean workspace to avoid germs and the benefits of preparing foods with fresh ingredients grown in her community instead of buying prepared foods.

"I learned new recipes that my family enjoys eating. I prepare meals for my family accompanied with fresh ingredients that are sources of vitamins," Adelina happily shares.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve those in need. Through support of PWS&D, women are claiming their right to a healthy life.

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