

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

April 18th, 2025

Good Friday

"Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted." – Isaiah 53: 4

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 – Herzlich thut mich verlangen – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

- Jan Rodda

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"At the cross her vigil keeping"

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Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

**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 less than your purposes intend.
We allow your world to be filled with violence and terror;
our trust in you is shallow
and our faith falters.
In the face of uncertainty and trouble,
we forget that your loving kindness governs all things.
Forgive who we have been,**

**amend who we are,
and direct who we shall be through Christ our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

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WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 52: 13-53:12

- Cheryl Wilken

Psalms 22 Refrain 2

Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

- Jan Rodda

Luke 23: 26-49

- The Rev. Mitchell Anderson

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: “Love has won”

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Praise: *“O sacred head, sore wounded”*

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Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Were You There – Spiritual

Prayer:

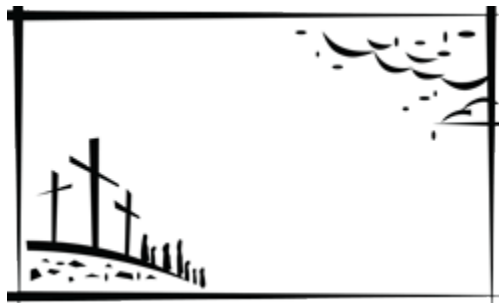
“Lord in your mercy,”

“Hear our prayer.”

Christ Candle is Extinguished

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

The congregation is invited to depart in silence.





Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday

Written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

One: Gracious host and servant Lord, Jesus washes
his disciples' feet

**All: then shares a last supper,
sign of the new community in him.**

One: We behold him: a king holding no political office,

**All: God becoming mere human, a saviour dying
on a criminal's cross.**

One: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" echoes
from ancient traditions

**All: into the story we remember today.
Let us worship God.**



THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Caring for Creation Together



Eulalio Pérez Félix, 53-years-old, is the justice mayor in Tuilelen, Guatemala.

While experienced in his role, he's faced moments of disappointment as the community's focus sometimes shifts away from holistic community improvement to focusing on individual pursuits.

AMMID, PWS&D's partner in the area, focuses on the well-being of Maya-Mam Indigenous communities. This year, two organizers from AMMID are engaging the community to develop a Community Life Plan and a Community Water Plan. These plans involve a broad range of community leaders

"Thanks to AMMID, our Community Life Plan and our Water Plan have been built, which will serve to improve the development of our community," Eulalio shares. "I am grateful for the support of the AMMID Association and PWS&D for getting us involved in these activities in favour of the natural assets of our community, since only by protecting water, forests and mother earth will we leave a better future for new generations to inherit," he adds.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to help communities protect their natural resources from the effects of a rapidly changing climate.

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