

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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Good Friday

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4: 15



Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

Lenten Insert

Praise:

"Go To Dark Gethsemane"

#230

Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour. From his grief turn not away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall; see him beaten, bound arraigned; patiently he bears it all, all our pain his soul sustained. Shun not suffering, shame or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Climb to Calvary's mournful site: there the Lord of glory reigns; there, through weakness, wins the fight, over sin our victory gains. "It is finished!" hear him cry; there, in Christ, we dare to die.

Prayer of Confession

God of love and mercy, you sent Christ into the world so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Yet our lives are often less than you would have them be. We do not trust the power of your love. Turning from compassion and service, we follow our own paths. In the face of uncertainty and trouble, we give up on you and one another. Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

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

Mark 15: 21-41

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *“The Veil”* -Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Praise: ***“O sacred head, sore wounded”*** **#239**

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.

Gathering of the Offering

Anthem *“When Jesus Wept”* Olejar

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

The congregation is invited to leave in silence.

Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday



*Adapted from the original
written by the Rev. Mary Whitson*

- L:** The night and day are dark and difficult.
This man did not deserve to be hit and spat upon—
denied, forsaken, mocked.
- P:** Crucify him! Crucify him!
- L:** This is the hardest part of the journey—Jesus betrayed,
arrested, brought before the authorities, tried and condemned.
Beaten, rejected, a crown of thorns pressed on his brow,
and the crowd chants “Crucify him!”
- P:** Crucify him! Crucify him!
- L:** Head bowed down, the Lord of life is condemned to die.
O Lord, was this for us?
- P:** God, forgive us for all the ways we have left you
and not followed you and your ways.
- L:** It is finished. The temple veil torn. The world is dark. Silence.
- L:** Let us pray.
- All:** God of truth, keep us from
being distracted from following you,
until the journey is complete, and
death is trampled down by death
and eternal life is given to all.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.



Zarina's Story

In many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education and opportunities to earn a living.

In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a girl's place is in the home and not in the classroom. Wanting to improve her daughters' lives, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with PWS&D's local partner in Afghanistan.

After the workshop, Zarmina shared what she had learned about a child's right to an education with village leaders and other mothers and fathers. As a result of her advocacy, the community now enthusiastically supports girl's education.

"We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our community but in the entire country," Zarmina shares.

This Lenten season faithfully respond with PWS&D as we educate and train communities on the importance of gender equality and girls' education.

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