

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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April 7th, 2023

Good Friday

"So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha."

– John 19: 16b-17

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 – What Wondrous Love is This – Samuel Barber

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

-Dean Fergusson

Praise:

"Go to dark Gethsemane"

#230

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, Lover of us all,
we humble ourselves in your presence now,
knowing that you changed the world on this day.
Through the Cross of Christ,
you invite us to turn from despair to hope,
from brokenness to wholeness,
from death to life.**

As we come before you, we offer you our confessions, our griefs, and our doubts.

As we struggle to believe what Christ has done for us on the cross, help us to see and to believe that in Him "it is accomplished."

Assurance of Pardon

***Praise:* "What wondrous love is this" #242**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

- Laura Van Loon

John 18: 1 -19: 27

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Reflection:

"Lamb of God"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Praise:* "Oh sacred head, sore wounded" #239**

Invitation to the Offering

John 19: 28-30

- Jim Fenton

Christ Candle is Extinguished

Prayer:

"Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world"

"Have mercy upon us"

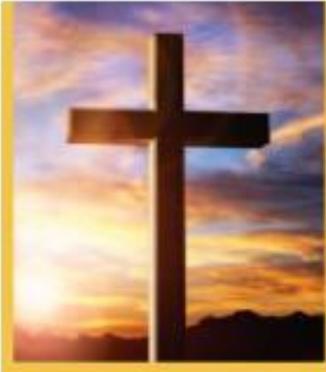
John 19: 31-42

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

The congregation is invited to depart in silence.





Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday

*Written by Jim Goring and
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

L: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,

P: the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty
where we confront our weakness and insecurities.

L: On his last night,
Jesus showed us what love in action looks like.

P: It looks like kneeling and serving.

L: It looks like dealing with the dirt from our travels.

P: It looks like washing clean what we prefer to avoid.

L: Even knowing that death was near,
Jesus asked for no special favours.

P: He humbly served his friends in love.

L: When we are tempted
by privilege and entitlement,
believing we deserve more,

P: let us remember what love looks like:
kneeling, serving, caring.



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Supportive Classmates Make a Difference in Malawi

Joseph* showed up to school one day, not quite himself. The 10-year-old's parents had been up fighting all night. When morning arrived, he hadn't wanted to disturb them in order to get ready for school.

Some of Joseph's classmates had been mentored in a Children's Corner, a program provided by the Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme (LISAP) in northern Malawi. When they asked him what was going on, Joseph told them, "My father and mother shout at each other and fight almost every week. Sometimes my father calls us bad names and chases us out of the house at night for no reason."

Because the children had learned about their rights at the Children's Corner, and where to turn if something was wrong at home, Joseph's friends told him he should speak to a Child Protection Worker.

The Child Protection Worker met with Joseph's family and provided them with tools to resolve their challenges, including financial strain, which was at the root of frequent verbal and physical abuse. Working collaboratively has helped Joseph's parents begin building a more peaceful home.

This Lenten season, help ensure access to services that advocate and educate children and adults about their rights.

*name changed

PWS&D works with LISAP in northern Malawi, which provides support and educational opportunities to young people.

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