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The Celebration of Worship Good Friday

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12:10 PM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices and information about
other church programs are available from any usher.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who has promised is faithful.
And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet
together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see
the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

MEDITATION

O Come and Mourn

arr. Hopson

*O come and mourn with me a while. All ye now come to the Savior's side.
Come see the One Who frees us all: The Lord of Life is crucified.*

*Have we no tears to shed for Him while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Upon the cross He bears the pain: The Lord of Life is crucified.*

*Seven times He speaks seven words of love. His silence, too, cries out to all.
His words of love our hearts receive: The Lord of Life is crucified.*

*O Love of God, O sin of man! In this dread hour true strength is found.
It is with love we triumph still: The Lord of Life is crucified.*

The Geneva Choir; Carole Carter, soloist: Mary Odin, violin; Fred Gaul, organ

MARKING OF THE HOUR

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Roberts

*HYMN 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Savior of the world, we stagger under the weight of our guilt and shame.
We have condemned the innocent one,
attacked the defenseless one,
hurled insults at the silent one,
maligned the truthful one.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22, Pew Bible, OT, p. 500

Jim Roberts

MEDITATION

Don't Despair, We Are Not Alone

Jim Roberts

We Declare Our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

Claire Butler

A New Creed, The United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill McCoy

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 85 v. 1

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

*BENEDICTION

Jim Roberts

MEDITATION

“In Paradisum” from *Requiem*

Daley

*Go forth upon Thy journey from this world.
Go forth, O Christian soul,
in the name of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
in company with the blessed angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host.
May Thy portion this day be in peace
and thy dwelling place in Jerusalem.
Go forth upon Thy journey
in company with the blessed angels and archangels.*

*In paradisum deducant angeli,
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres.
et perducant te
in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem
Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine, requiem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.*

The Civic Chorus Ensemble; Sarah Lynch, soloist

*DEPART IN SILENCE

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

Please join us on Sunday for our
Easter Services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

*On Easter Sunday,
the congregation
will offer...*



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