



Northlea United Church

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Good Friday Symbols of Sacrifice

April 7, 2023

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ~ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ~ Serve the world

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Rick Coombs, Josh Clemenger, June Cavers,
Donna Rutz, Stephen Popiel, Diane Carlton

Leaside Presbyterian Readers

Grace McCreary, Lisa Whitwell, Marg Rockingham,
Diane Clendenan, Steve Clendenan

**Northlea United Church
&
Leaside Presbyterian Church
Friday April 7, 2023**

Choral Prelude: *Crucifixus (in 8 parts)*

Antonio Lotti (c. 1667-1740)

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Póntio Piláto; passus, et sepúltus est.

Translation: He was also crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

“This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”
Hebrews 10:16

Call to Worship:

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Come, let us gather again in the shadow
of the Cross of Christ.

**We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence
of Love’s ultimate sacrifice.**

Who would have guessed that the height and depth,
the length and width of God’s love might look like this:
a forsaken savior on a cross?

**Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost
amid the world’s distractions and responsibilities.**

Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ
and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.

Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why
this Friday is called “Good.”

**Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven,
that we might have the faith, hope, and love,
witnessed in Christ’s sacrifice for our salvation**

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

~ light the candle~

The light of Christ

Thanks be to God. Amen

Gathering Hymn: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Marty Haugen



1. Tree of Life and awe- some mys - t'ry, in your death we are re -
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, may we see our - selves in
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken love passed on through act and



-born, though you die in all of his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry
 you, if we learn to live your sto - ry we may die to rise a -
 word, ev - 'ry per - son lost and bro - ken wears the bod - y of our



morn, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn. (to verse 2)
 -new, we may die to rise a - new. (to verse 3)
 Lord, wears the bo - dy of our Lord. (to Adoramus te)



A - do - ra - mus te Chris - te, a - do - ra - mus te Chris - te,



a - do - ra - mus te Chris - te A - do - ra - mus Chris - te. (6 x)



4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, come in - flame our hearts a -
 5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low stum - bling though our steps may



-new, we may all your joy in - her - it if we bear the cross with
 be, one with you in joy and sor - row, we the riv - er you the



you, if we bear the cross with you. (to verse 5)
 sea, we the riv - er, you the sea.

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Adoramus te Christe et benedicimus tibi. / We adore you, Christ and we bless you.

Quia per sanctum crucem tuum redemisti mundum. / Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Opening Prayer:

Grace McCreary

Gracious God of grief and of suffering,
This Friday seems 'good' for all the wrong reasons.
Be with us in these hours
as we gather in the shadow of the cross of Christ
and hear again the story of death and the objects of your passion.
This is not where we would choose to be, O God,
brought face to face with the symbols of torture and death.
Forgive us where we have sought to avoid such times:
where we have ignored the burden of the cross or denied our own pain,
or turned our backs on the sufferings of others.
Strengthen us to be here today,
that we may know that you are here with us.
You know the ways of the world, O God:
you have been there; you are here;
you have loved and cried
and lived and died
to be with us, to comfort us,
to forgive us and to free us.
For this we give thanks.
This we call 'good'.
Amen

Symbols of the Passion

Donna Rutz

This is the garden of Joseph of Arimathea. It is here that Jesus' body was laid in a tomb. It is here that life and hope begin. It is here that the dark despair of the cross is replaced by the new life and hope of the risen Christ. We have gathered in this garden to hear the story, the most important story in the family tree of our faith. We are going to hear it in the symbols of the events of that time: the basin of water, the money bag with the coins of the betrayal, the cup, the lantern, the rooster, the crown of thorns, the cross, the lily and the bystanders who stood by watching.

~Basin~

Lisa Whitwell

Sung Response: Jesus, Remember Me (*sung 4 times*)

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~The Money Bag~

Stephen Popiel

Choir Anthem: A Canticle Intonation for Good Friday

A.F. Schultz

~The Chalice~
Marg Rockingham

Sung Response: Jesus, Remember Me (*sung twice*)

Voices United 148

~The Lantern~
June Cavers

Sung Response: Jesus, Remember Me (*sung twice*)

Voices United 148

~The Rooster~
Diane Clendenan

Hymn: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Voices United 658, vs 4

~The Crown of Thorns~
Joshua Clemenger

Sung Response: Stay With Me (*sung 4 times*)

Voices United 950

~The Cross~
Steve Clendenan

Choir Anthem: In His Dying Breath

Dana Mengel

~The Bystanders~

Reader:

Diane Carlton

They looked upon the One they had pierced.

And we too look on the One who died and wonder . . .

We wonder why – why this final assault on one already dead?

Reader:

Rick Coombs

They looked upon the One they had pierced and saw blood flowing from his hands – his feet – his side.

And we too look upon the One who died and wonder . . .

We wonder that such an offering had to be made – the blood of a spotless lamb.

Sung Response: Stay With Me (*sung twice*)

Voices United 950

Reader:

Diane Carlton

They looked upon the One they had pierced and thought they had won – the Word of God was silenced – the Light of the World was extinguished – the Way was blocked – the Truth questioned – the Life was dead.

God, forgive them – they did not know what they were doing.

God, forgive us – for often we do not know.

Reader

Rick Coombs

They looked upon the One they had pierced and thought that they had judged rightly - the Son of God who challenged their gods was wrong and they had defeated Him.

But God did not send His Son into the world to judge it, to condemn it. God sent His Son, the Beloved, into the world to save it . . . to save us.

Sung Response: Stay With Me *(sung twice)*

Voices United 950

Reader:

Diane Carlton

They looked upon the One they had pierced and saw death and emptiness.

And we too look upon the One who died and wonder . . .

We wonder at so great a love - a love that does not count the cost of loving - a love that offers its very self so that we might live.

So great a love . . . so great a sacrifice . . .

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

Hymn: What Are These Wounds In Your Hands?

Presbyterian Book of Praise 241



What are these wounds in your

1. hands,
2. feet,
3. brow, dear Sav - iour?
4. side,
5. heart,



What are these wounds in your

hands?
feet?
brow? "These are the wounds with which
side?
heart?



I was wound - ed, here in the house of my friends."

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The Lily

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

(Take your time before you leave the sanctuary and exit in silence.)