



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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April 18, 2025

Good Friday

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

Northlea rests on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Thank you for joining us for service today whether in-person or online. If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please let us know by calling the church office at 416 425 5252 or emailing us at office@northleaunited.ca. There are many ways to access online videos whether live streamed or pre-recorded. The Northlea United Facebook page or our website will have links to our services:

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Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

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Sharing what we have:

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done and is doing in and through us.

Ways to give financially:

1. Cash or cheque made payable to Northlea United Church – this can be mailed in or put into an envelope available in the foyer and dropped in the collection plate (*be sure to include your contact information in order to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year*);
2. Online via Canada Helps (just scan this QR code to be brought to the secure online donation form);
3. Through automatic monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance – Forms are available from the church office: office@northleaunited.ca



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this church.

Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

416 425 5252 or office@northleaunited.ca

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**We welcome Leaside Presbyterian
to Northlea United today
to worship in fellowship together.**

Thank you for helping with today's service:

Rev. Liz Mackenzie – Northlea United Minister, Co-Presiding

Rev. Paul Kang – Leaside Presbyterian Minister, Co-Presiding

David Jafelice – Northlea United Music Director

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Northlea United Section Leads:

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

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McKenzie Warriner – Soprano ✧ Olivia Dodge – Alto

Paul Williamson – Tenor ✧ Tristan Zaba – Bass

Northlea United Readers:

Ray Murrill ✧ Jesse Bigelow ✧ Diana Bennett

Leaside Presbyterian Readers:

Judith Manson ✧ Weida Smith ✧ Kathryn Whaley

Northlea United Church & Leaside Presbyterian Church

Friday April 18, 2025 – 10:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

Acknowledgement of the Land

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Response:

**We believe that our relationships with the Creator,
the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

(John 1:5)

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

Introit: O Vos Omnes – *(Lamentations 1:12)*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

*Translation: O all you that pass this way, look and see, if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.
Watch, all you people, and behold my sorrow.*

Call to Worship: *(based on Psalm 22)*

Rev. Paul Kang

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from helping me,
from the cry of my distress?**

All those who see me laugh me to scorn,
they curl their lips and toss their heads, saying:

'You trusted in God for deliverance.

If God cares for you, let God rescue you!'

Do not be far from me, for trouble is close at hand,
and there is no one to help me.

On you have I depended from my birth.

Even from my mother's womb, you have been my God.

This is God's Friday.

We come to worship.

Opening Hymn: Glory In The Cross

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Opening Prayer: *(an adaptation of Voices United #150)*

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

God of passionate and vulnerable love, whose body, broken on the cross, rebukes us still:

Save us, hold us, and forgive us.

On this day of death, O God, open our hearts to the beating heart of the world.

As we remember the events of that Friday long ago,

help us to see our own brokenness and our need to repent the times we have ignored the cries and anguish of your beloved people....

(A time of silent prayer and confession.)

God of the cross;

Love poured out for each of us;

lead us from death to life through Jesus, the Crucified.

May we love as Jesus loved:

with humility and self-awareness;

with sacrifice and selflessness.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who embodied your steadfast love for us and who taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter (1988) - **Voices United p. 916**

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.**

The Story of Jesus' Death

Anthem: Were You There – *(sung by the section leads)*

Bob Chilcott

Distress: Luke: 22: 39-42, 45-46

Ray Murrill

(The palms are removed from the communion table.)

Prayer:

Constant God, in your care for us, you neither slumber nor sleep. But when your Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, we did not care for him as he cared for us.

Thank you, that while disciples slept, your Spirit sustained him. You kept him faithful. You kept him company. For the Saviour of the world, you neither slumbered nor slept.

Amen.

Betrayal and Arrest: Luke 22: 47-53

Judith Manson

(The antependia are removed.)

Prayer:

Steadfast God, in Jesus Christ you stood in the midst of human violence and fear without giving into its chaos or the urge to abandon others. Yet what a vast shadow these instincts have cast over our humanity, and how vulnerable we are to them.

We are grateful that Jesus stood firm as the Prince of Peace in our world. Amen.

Denial: Luke 22: 54-62

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

(The ministers' stoles are removed.)

Prayer:

O God, our ready defender and advocate, we are brought low to hear of Peter's denial. In his weakness we see our best intentions defeated by our own fears and insecurities.

Thank you for Jesus' courage and compassion, even in this horrible time. Amen.

Sentenced to Death: Luke 23: 13-14, 18-25

Weida Smith

(The hope candles are extinguished.)

Prayer:

O God of justice, when Jesus received an unrighteous judgement, you were his righteousness. When Jesus was passed over for freedom, you were his freedom. When the world rejected him, you did not reject him. Neither did you reject the world.

We stand in wonder at the path he walked in faithfulness to you.

We know we did not walk it with him. Amen.

Hymn: What are These Wounds?

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Cross: Luke 23: 26-27, 32-34

Jesse Bigelow

(The crown of thorns is placed on the cross and the cross is draped in purple.)

Prayer:

Merciful God, we saved no mercy for your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet his sorrow was still for us and for the deep human need for a merciful God.

Grant us that mercy now, to bear the rest of this story. Amen.

Mocking: Luke 23: 35-43

Kathryn Whaley

(The baptismal font is draped in black.)

Prayer:

Loving God, at your creative word, the universe unfolded with beauty and majesty. Yet the words given back to your Son on the cross were filled with ugliness and humiliation.

Guard our lips, O God, that we might never speak hatefully or carelessly, adding to the suffering of others. Amen.

Anthem: Mercy

Craig Courtney

Death: Luke 23: 44-49

Diana Bennett

(The Bible is closed.)

Prayer:

O God, giver of life, we weep at the stark image of Jesus dying on the cross. We hear his agony in his prayer to you and we are confronted with our helplessness in the face of the suffering of the world. In the tearing of the temple curtain, we see your heart torn in two as Jesus dies.

Yet, in Jesus' death, we find the truth of your love for all humanity. In his death, we find your blessings of redemption and grace for us and for all creation.

May we not get stuck in guilt and hopelessness, and instead open ourselves to your forgiveness and transformation for the sake of the healing of our broken world. Amen.

Tomb: Luke 23:50-53

Rev. Paul Kang

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

Hymn: O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

Voices United 136

(The organ and piano are closed.)

COMMISSIONING: John 15: 12-13

Rev. Paul Kang

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends...”

Excerpt From *“The Love That Clothes Itself in Light”* (Voices United #137):

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

The Love that clothes itself in light,
Stands naked now, despised, betrayed,
Receiving blows to face and head
From hands that Love itself has made.

The Love that lifts the stars and sun,
Collapses spent, beneath the cross;
The Love that fills the universe,
Goes on to death and total loss...

Though Love is lost, Love finds us here;
Though Love is absent, Love remains;
Where Love is finished, Love begins;
Where Love is dead, Love lives and reigns...

**As we leave this time of worship, may we be the bearers of this great Love for all
God’s people and creation.**

We Leave In Silence

Music List:

From page 5:

Hymn: Glory in the Cross

Dan Schutte



1. Let us e - ver glo - ry in the cross of Christ, our sal - va - tion and our
6. Let us bring our bur - dens to the cross of Christ who has known our sor - row and
7. Let us stand in hom - age at the cross of Christ where we see God's hu - man



hope.____ Let us stand in ho - mage to the Lord of Life, who was
tears.____ In the great com - pas - sion of the heart of Christ, God has
face.____ We be - hold the Mak - er of the sun and stars as he



bro - ken to make us whole.____ There is no grea - ter love, as
walked in our hope and fears.____ He was mocked and be - trayed, de -
hangs on the throne of grace,____ As we share in his pain, his



bles - ed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend.____
-sert - ed by friends, and ban - ished to die a - mong thieves.____ Let us
sor - row and shame, our hearts will be test - ed in fire.____



e - ver glo - ry in the cross of Christ and the tri - umph of God's great love.

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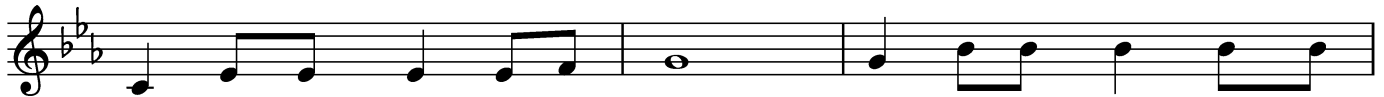
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Hymn: What Are These Wounds

(from 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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