

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP~

Good Friday

March 30, 2016 ~ 10:30 am



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Call to Worship:

Good Friday is a difficult part of our faith.

It is a day of darkness and death.

A day that seemed like the sun would never shine.

What would it have been like...

To have been there among the angry crowds yelling "crucify!"?

To have heard the blow of the hammer on the nails?

To have seen Jesus pierced on the side?

To have been there when He breathed His last breath?

This Good Friday, we are invited to experience the darkest day of the year.

*Singing: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

VU#135

Gathering Prayer: God of infinite love, the costly sacrifice of Jesus defies our imagination. Yet we come, to stand with Him in His suffering. Today, as we recall the last hours of His mortal life, help us see ourselves as part of the story. And help us to repent of the sins which have contributed to crucifixion, and to receive again the assurance of Your resurrection love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Anthem: *I Was on His Mind*

A Prayer of Confession: Heavenly Father, Whose Son came to save the lost but was despised and rejected by many, we are humbled by the facts of human sin and ignorance. We acknowledge that we too have sinned. We have given Jesus the homage of our lips in loud hosannas but have often withheld the service of our lives. We have enrolled ourselves in His company, but have often deserted Him and betrayed His cause. He has had reason to weep over us, for we have rebelled against His guidance, disobeyed His commands, and refused to take the way of the Cross. Please have mercy upon us; heal the wounds we have inflicted, and let all our sins be forgiven and forgotten; through Him Who intercedes for us, Jesus Your Son our Saviour. Amen

Singing: *Lord, Is It I?*

SOG#32

Good Friday by various witnesses ~

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Singing: *The Old Rugged Cross*

SOG#5

Reflections ~

Singing: There is power in the blood
Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

**There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.**

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful power in the blood. **R**

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.
There's wonderful power in the blood. **R**

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood. **R**

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

VU#147

Benediction: Go, keep vigil at the cross – through prayer, meditation, and loving action.

We carry with us both this day's tragedy and its saving significance for our lives and our world.

Go, with the knowledge that this end is not The End.

We trust the purposes of God.

As we go, may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, be with you all.

And also with you.

