

Welcome to St. Timothy's
Good Friday Family Service



Family Journey
Stations of the Cross

April 3rd, 2021

4:30pm

Welcome & Introduction

Gathering Song:

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they pierced him in the side
Were you there when they pierced him in the side
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

Presider: Jesus loves all people so much,

People: He loved us even to the cross!

Presider: Blessed be our God.

People: All For ever and ever. Amen.

Presider: Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

Presider: God of life,
be with us as we walk the way of the cross.
Help us to discover that it is the way of life.
As we make this journey, may you always be
present in our hearts, each and every day.
Amen.

Today we follow Jesus to the cross and the
grave. Let us tell together the story that we
might remember God's love for us, especially
when we are afraid, isolated, or sick.



LOCATION ONE: THE UPPER ROOM

A Moment of Imagination

READING: Washing of the Feet *read by Alma Asheria*

When Jesus had finished dinner with his friends, he got up from the table, took a pitcher of water and a basin and washed their feet. He dried their feet with a towel. When he finished, he said to them: "As I have done this for you, you also must do this for others. Love one another as I have loved you."

ACTIVITY: Washing feet (or hands)

PRAYER: *led by The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford*

Leader: Let us pray.

God of love, Jesus washed his friends' feet as a sign of his friendship with them. He told them to do for others what he had done for them. Help us to follow his example as we love and care for others in his name.

All: Amen.



READING: The Last Supper

read by David Conn

Jesus sat down at the table with his disciples and asked them to remember him. Then he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them and said, "This is my body; do this in remembrance of me." He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "This is my blood; do this in remembrance of me." The disciples ate and drank with Jesus. Then they sang a hymn and went out to the garden to pray.

ACTIVITY: Break and share bread with one another within your household.

PRAYER:

led by The Rev. Andrea Christensen

Leader: Let us pray.

Loving God, at the last supper, your son Jesus left us a special meal of bread and wine in which we share our memory of him. As we journey from the table to the cross, may we be nourished by his generous love, and in turn share it with all who hunger for love and thirst for justice. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our friend.

All: Amen.



LOCATION TWO: GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

A Moment of Imagination

READING:

read by Myfanwy Charlesworth

Jesus and his friends went to the garden at Gethsemane to pray. Peter, James and John fell asleep while Jesus was praying, which made Jesus very sad. Jesus prayed seriously to God because he knew the suffering would be hard. At the end of his prayer, he said; "Abba, Father, if it is not possible to avoid the suffering, your will be done."

ACTIVITY: "I am sorry" confession. Write or draw things we are sorry for or things that are bad in the world.

PRAYER:

led by The Rev. Gerlyn Henry

Presider: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

All: Amen.



LOCATION THREE: THE PRAETORIUM

A Moment of Imagination

READING:

read by Linda Guse

Early in the morning the religious leaders took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, because they were angry with Jesus, and wanted to get rid of him. Even though he knew Jesus hadn't done anything wrong, Pilate did what they asked of him: he allowed Jesus to be crucified. The soldiers put a crown of thorns on his head and gave him a cross to carry.

ACTIVITY: Cross craft – Everyone is invited to tie the two pieces of wood together to make a cross.

PRAYER:

led by Elaine Vanderwerf

Presider:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your Son Jesus was given a cross to carry and a journey to make. That journey led to his death upon that cross. May these crosses be a reminder to us of his death, which will bring us to new life. We pray in the name of Jesus our brother.

All:

Amen.



LOCATION FOUR: GOLGOTHA

A Moment of Imagination

READING:

read by Reuben Karra

When they arrived at the hill named Golgotha, the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. They also nailed two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus.

ACTIVITY: Push the nails into the holes that are in the cross.

PRAYER:

led by Joanna Maplazi

Leader: Let us pray.

Eternal God, as we recall the death of Jesus, help us to understand that his death brought all people closer to you. At times of death remind us to share our sorrow with you, and to seek your comfort. We pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.



LOCATION FIVE: THE TOMB

A Moment of Imagination

READING:

read by Xavier Macintosh

There was a man from Judea, named Joseph who was faithful to God. He went and asked to bury the body of Jesus. He took Jesus' body, wrapped it in a linen cloth and put it in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. It was Friday.

ACTIVITY: Preparing the Cross for Burial – Gather the pieces of paper where you wrote that you were sorry. Place them and the cross on the linen and wrap them up together before placing the wrapped cross, with our sorries and bad things, in the grave.

PRAYER:

led by Sharlene Macintosh

Leader: Let us pray.

God of hope, your Son Jesus died on a cross and his body was placed in a tomb. We know you are with us always, even when all seems lost. Help us in our lives to see that even though something may end, a new beginning is possible. We pray in the name of Jesus, who promised to be always near.

All: Amen.



Closing Song:

Once Again

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice
You became nothing, poured out to death
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life
And I'm in that place once again, I'm in that place once
again.

Chorus:

**Once again, I look upon the cross where you died
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.**

Now you are exalted to the highest place
King of the heavens where one day I'll bow
But for now I marvel at this saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again, I'm full of praise once
again.

Bridge:

**Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross, my Friend!**

Presider: Let us sit in silence with those who laid Jesus to rest.

A measured silence from at least one minute, but preferably three to five minutes, is observed.