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Good Friday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Friday, April 14th, 2017 ◆

GOOD FRIDAY

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in the parlour after worship ◆

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE – *Grief for Sin*

cello: Monica Warson

flute: Nicola Winstanley, Allana Stevenson

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregational response in bold type)

The
people
stood
yelling,
“Crucify!”

and it breaks our hearts every time.

For Jesus’ death occurs every time someone
is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.

“Crucify!”

tears
away
at
God’s
Beloved.

LESSON – Matthew 26: 1-5

* OPENING HYMN – *Ah, Holy Jesus* (Verses 1-3)

VU 138

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR GOOD FRIDAY (Beth W. Johnston)

All: Holy God,

**You call us to walk the way of the cross
but we choose the way that is easy,
or one that promises us the best return.**

Forgive us;

**open us to the faithful way, the way of radical trust,
the way of true joy.**

Give us what we need to take these final steps of the Lenten journey.

The Christ Candle is Lit

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: On the cross, Jesus prayed,

"Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

That prayer is for us also.

We are forgiven, we are restored.

HYMN – *Ah, Holy Jesus* (Verses 4 & 5)

VU 138

Peter's Denial is Foretold

READING – Matthew 26:30-35

Extinguishing of the First Candle, removal of paraments

CHORALE – *'Tis I, Whose Sin Hath Bound Thee*

The Last Supper

READING – Matthew 26: 26-29

*Extinguishing of the Second Candle,
removal of the Chalice and Plate*

ARIA – *Jesus, Saviour, I am Thine*

Margaret Duff, soprano

Gethsemane

READING – Matthew 26: 36-46, 57-68

CHORALE – *O Father, Let Thy Will be Done*

Extinguishing of the Third Candle, removal of offering plates

CHORALE – *Who Dares to Smite Thee*

Peter Disowns Jesus

READING – Matthew 26: 69-75

CHORALE – *Though I Now Have Thee Forsaken*

Jesus Before Pilate

READING – Matthew 27: 11-23

Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle, Removal of the Bible

CHORALE – *O Wondrous Love*

The Mockery and Crucifixion of Jesus

READING – Matthew 27: 27-30; 35-44

Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle, removal of Altar Candles

ARIA – *For Love My Saviour Now is Dying*

Allana Stevenson, soprano

Jesus on the Cross

READING – Matthew 27: 45-49

Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle, veiling of the cross

CHORALE – *O Thou, With Hate Surrounded*

ARIA – *Make Me Clean, My Heart, from Sin*

Chris Palmer, baritone

HYMN – *O Sacred Head*

VU 145

The Death of Jesus and Sealing of the Tomb

READING – Matthew 27: 50-66

Extinguishing of the Seventh Candle, removal of the candles

CHORUS – *We Bow Our Heads in Tears and Sorrow*

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism;

All: But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with Manna. I brought you through tribulation and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,

All: But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you that I have not done? Answer me! I went before you in a pillar of cloud,

All: But you led me to the judgement hall of Pilate and you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed on you the keys of the kingdom,

All: But you have given me a crown of thorns and you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I gave you my peace which the world cannot give

All: But you draw the sword to strike in my name.

One: I washed your feet as a sign of my love and offered you my body and blood,

All: But you scatter and deny and abandon me and you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: I prayed that all may be one in the Father and me, and you continue to quarrel and divide, casting lots for my clothing

All: And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me. I was naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

All: And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

HYMN: *Were You There?*

VU 144

(The Christ Candle is carried out).

Please sit at the end of the hymn, then leave the sanctuary in silence when you feel ready to do so.

Our Good Friday service features music
by J. S. Bach.
All choral selections,
the instrumental prelude,
two hymns,
and all solo arias
are taken from music
in Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*

*Hot beverages and hot cross buns are available in the parlour following worship.
All are invited!*

*A Special welcome to friends
from the Zion United congregation.*
