

Stouffville United Church

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Good Friday

Music Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

In our hearts –

we gather in the garden with the disciples.

In our minds –

we stand listening to the judgements.

In our souls –

we huddle at the foot of the cross.

Waiting and watching,

aghast and afraid,

with the telling of the story,

with the shedding of our tears,

we remember Jesus, the Christ

and we worship God.

(Written by Richard Bott, St. Andrew's (Haney) United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C.,
Gathering L/E 2009, page 34. Used with permission.)

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane

[VU 1133]

Prayer:

We walk toward the cross today,

now knowing, O God, why we are here,

not even wanting to be here.

Yet we move, step by step, toward the cross

trusting in your love that is greater

than anything we can imagine,

trusting that you are working in Jesus' life

even as we watch his life end,

trusting that life is not ended by death,

trusting that in the sorrow and tragedies of our lives,

you are walking with us and working within us.

We walk with Jesus toward the cross today,

knowing that you, O God, are walking with us. Amen.

(Written by David Robertson and Susan Lukey, High River United Church, High River,
Alta., Gathering L/E 2016, page 66. Used with permission.)

A time of silence

Music Ministry

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Good Friday Reflection: "What is Good about Good Friday?"

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Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross [VU 142, Vs 1,3,4]

The Passion Narrative

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross [VU 149, Vs 1,3,4]

Commissioning

Our service ends now. We have been faithful to our friend and stayed with him in his suffering and death. Today, this is how the story ends.

**And yet we are a people with hope,
and so we wait,
and we trust,
and we pray
when we do not know the outcome,
and we remember Jesus.**

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Music Postlude