

**St. Andrew's River Heights United Church
Westworth United Church**

**Joint Good Friday Service
April 19, 2019**



Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love,
with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace,
learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit
and being transformed by faith.

JOINT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Order of Service

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE: *O come and mourn with me awhile (St. Cross) – arr. H. Willan*
Passion Chorale – arr. D. Buxtehude, arr. J. Brahms

CANDLELIGHTING – Rev. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd & Rev. Karen Lumley

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: VU134 – Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold

KASLO

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Teaching of Courage

SCRIPTURE READING – John 18:1-11 (read by Bill Craddock)

TEACHING OF THE BEAR

REFLECTION

ANTHEM: “Be Strong, and of Good Courage”

Text: Joshua 1; Music: Hugh Bancroft

Be strong, and of a good courage,
Fear not, for the Lord thy God doth go with thee.
He will not fail thee nor forsake thee.
The Lord thy God doth go with thee.

Teaching of Honesty

SCRIPTURE READING – John 18:19-23 (read by Rev. Heather Robbins)

TEACHING OF THE SABLE

REFLECTION

*HYMN: MV73 (VS 1 & 5) – O God, Why Are You Silent?

PASSION CHORALE

Teaching of Truth

SCRIPTURE READING – John 18:33-38 (read by Bernard Boland)

TEACHING OF THE TURTLE

REFLECTION

ANTHEM: “O Dearest Lord, thy Sacred Head”

*Text: Father Andre (Henry Ernest Hardy); Music: Kentucky Folk Hymn, arr. David N. Johnson
Soloists: Bettina Nyman (flute), Christina Thanisch-Smith (soprano), Chris Donlevy (tenor)*

O dearest Lord, thy sacred head with thorns was pierced for me.
O pour thy blessing on my head that I may think for thee.
O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands with nails were pierced for me:
O shed thy blessing on my hands that they may work for thee.
O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet with nails were pierced for me.
O pour thy blessing on my feet that they may follow thee.
O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart with spear was pierced for me.
O pour thy Spirit in my heart that I may live for thee.

Teaching of Humility

SCRIPTURE READING – John 19:1-16 (read by Teresa Sztaba)

TEACHING OF THE WOLF

REFLECTION

HYMN: VU**149** – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

Teaching of Respect

SCRIPTURE READING – John 19: 16b-25 (read by Iris McKay)

TEACHING OF THE BUFFALO

REFLECTION

HYMN: VU**136** – O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

ST CROSS

Teaching of Love

SCRIPTURE READING – John 19:25b-30 (read by Gord McLeod)

TEACHING OF THE EAGLE

REFLECTION

ANTHEM: "O Love"

Text: George Matheson; Music: Elaine Hagenburg

O love that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depth its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that sees me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Teaching of Wisdom

SCRIPTURE READING – John 19:38-42 (read by Bill Muir)

TEACHING OF THE BEAVER

REFLECTION

HYMN: MV63– Long before My Journey’s Start

Steven C. Warner

We Respond

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

HYMN: VU147 – What Wondrous Love Is This
The first verse will be sung by Fred Cross.

WONDROUS LOVE

BENEDICTION & COMMISSIONING

CANDLES EXTINGUISHED

Please leave in reflective silence.

No offering will be received during this service. Instead,
offering plates will be in the Narthex to collect your gifts.
Unless otherwise designated, your offering will be donated to 1JustCity.

Thank you to all who participated in the service today. A special
thanks to the two choirs, organists/musicians, and their directors.