



Friday, April 18, 2025



Good Friday is the Friday before Easter, the day on which Christians annually observe the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Why is it called Good Friday? That terrible Friday has been called Good Friday because it led to the death of Jesus and his victory over death and sin. It is before the celebration of Easter, in which we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. As people of faith, we cannot have Easter unless we commemorate Good Friday.

#### 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.

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details on our website.

## FIND YOUR PLACE

**WASHROOMS:** A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

## Holy Week Servies

- Joint Maundy Thursday Service (April 17) @ 6:15pm, at Westworth United Church
- Joint Good Friday Service (April 18) @ 10:30am at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church
- Easter Sunday (April 20): Communion @ 10am, Lessons & Carols @ 10:30am
- Westworth United Church is located at 1750 Grosvenor Ave

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



**OUR LAND** - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

## Good Friday- Symbols of the Passion

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Joint Service St. Andrew's River Heights & Westworth United Churches

The service will proceed without announcing the hymns or anthems.

Please follow along.

PRELUDE: *O sacred head, sore wounded* (Passion Chorale) arr. Johannes Brahms

*When I survey the wondrous cross* (Hamburg) arr. Albin Whitworth

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Gathering Worship Resource, 2025, written by David Sparks.*

Come to the place of crucifixion where Jesus is hanging on the cross. Beside Jesus hang those who are crucified today by society: by racism, by abuse, by injustice, by complacency.

**We are aware of them, yet we keep our distance.**

**We don't want to come too close; we don't want to get involved.**

The place of crucifixion horrifies us, repels us, but will we turn and engage with its reality, as it was then and as it is now?

OPENING PRAYER

### SYMBOLS OF THE PASSION

#### Symbol One: The Basin

Scripture Reading: John 13:2-17 read by Teresa Sztaba

Basin Narrator: Fred Cross

HYMN: **VU130** *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

#### Symbol Two: The Moneybag

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:14-16 read by Khal Shariff

Moneybag Narrator: Al Mapes

Anthem: *Ah, Holy Jesus* – Craig Courtney (Westworth choir)

#### Symbol Three: The Chalice

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-26 read by Teresa Sztaba

Chalice Narrator: Evan Demeduk

HYMN: **VU133** *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

#### Symbol Four: The Lantern

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:32-50 read by Khal Shariff

Lantern Narrator: Kathy Wilson

Anthem: *None Other Lamb* - Text, Christina Rosetti; Music, William Cross (St. Andrew's choir)

#### Symbol Five: The Rooster

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:66-72 read by Teresa Sztaba

Rooster Narrator: Rhonda Kennedy

HYMN: **VU134** *Shadows Gather*

**Symbol Six: The Crown of Thorns**

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:16-20 read by Khal Shariff

Crown of Thorns Narrator: Dorcas Windsor

Anthem: *Libera Me* (Requiem) – Gabriel Faure (combined choir)

**Symbol Seven: The Cross**

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:21-32 read by Khal Shariff

Cross Narrator: Martin Robson

HYMN: **VU144** *Where You There*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

O God, receive our prayer.

Sung Response: **VU948** *O God, hear our prayer.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHRIST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED: Rev. Karen Lumley

PRAYER: *Written by Jim McKean, Orillia, Ont.*

*Please leave in reflective silence*

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

Thanks to all who participated in the service today and especially the two choirs, directors and organists.

Prayers & Liturgy from Gathering Worship Resource, Lent, 2025, written by David Sparks, Allan Warren, Symbols of the Passion, Live the Story, from the Whole People of God.

Clergy: Rev. Tricia Gerhard

Rev. Karen Lumley

Lay Worship Leader: Rita Swan

Organists: Megan Dufprat

Wes Elias

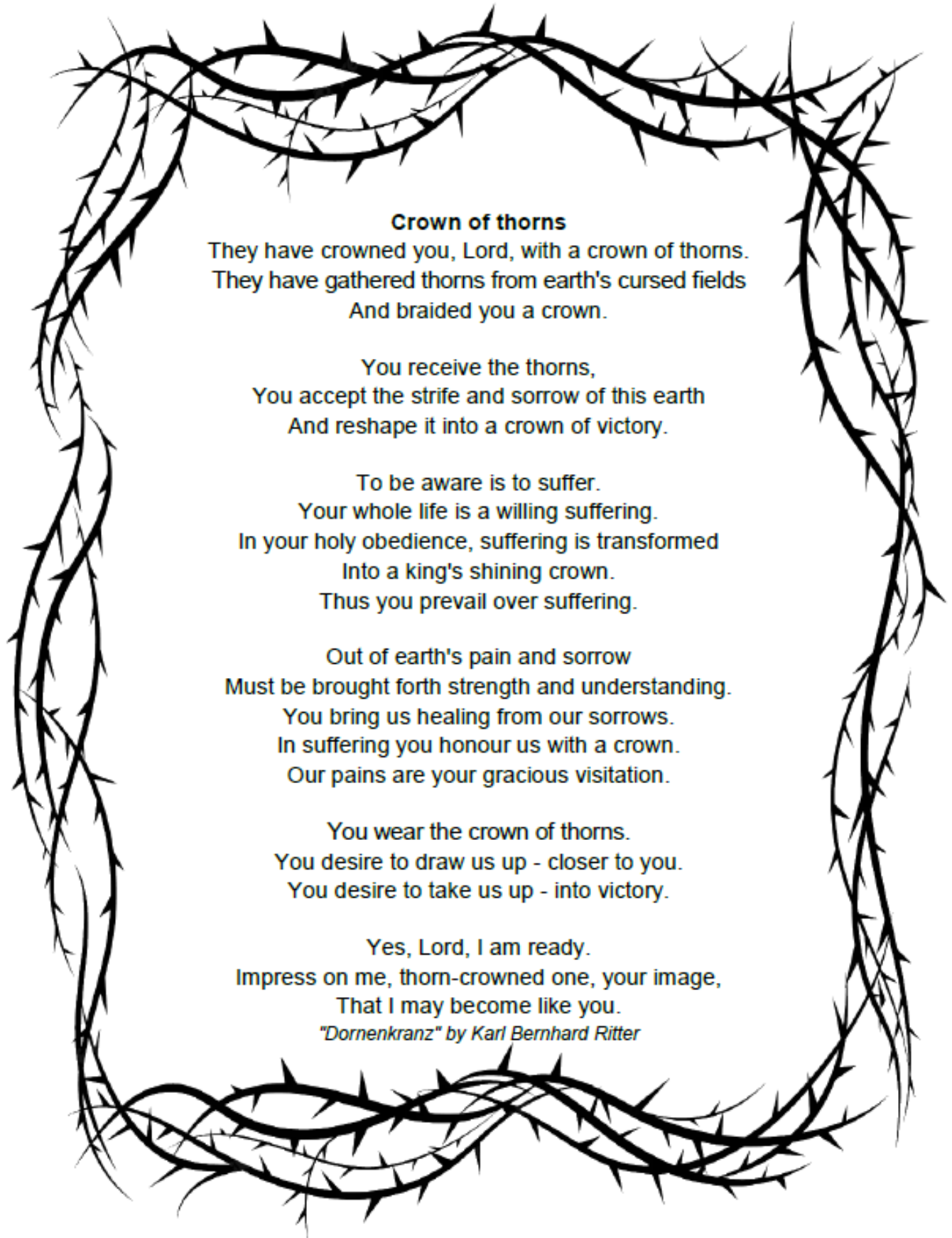
Choir Directors: Valdine Anderson

Katy Harmer

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Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today’s service—we couldn’t have pulled it off without you.

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**Crown of thorns**

They have crowned you, Lord, with a crown of thorns.  
They have gathered thorns from earth's cursed fields  
And braided you a crown.

You receive the thorns,  
You accept the strife and sorrow of this earth  
And reshape it into a crown of victory.

To be aware is to suffer.  
Your whole life is a willing suffering.  
In your holy obedience, suffering is transformed  
Into a king's shining crown.  
Thus you prevail over suffering.

Out of earth's pain and sorrow  
Must be brought forth strength and understanding.  
You bring us healing from our sorrows.  
In suffering you honour us with a crown.  
Our pains are your gracious visitation.

You wear the crown of thorns.  
You desire to draw us up - closer to you.  
You desire to take us up - into victory.

Yes, Lord, I am ready.  
Impress on me, thorn-crowned one, your image,  
That I may become like you.

*"Dornenkranz" by Karl Bernhard Ritter*

