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Questions at the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15, 2022

Knox Presbyterian Church
Port Nelson United Church
Wellington Square United Church
Hosted by Burlington Baptist Church



11:00 a.m.

We gather this morning with our sisters and brothers in Christ from

Knox Presbyterian Church
Port Nelson United Church &
Wellington Square United Church

Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

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* Please stand as you are able

WHY CALL THIS DAY 'GOOD'?

There is really nothing good about it.

There is no good in violence, in fear, in injustice, in cruelty.
Yet we call this day 'good' because you, O God, were there that day;

We call this day 'good' because you are here this day.

Knowing that you are with us,

we have courage to hear this terrible story once again.

Hold us close as we gather now at the foot of the cross,

to remember, to reflect, and to renew our faith,

for Jesus' sake, and ours. Amen.

Prelude "Processional to Calvary" (J. Stainer) Linda Mourot, BBC

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?" (H. Walcha)

Yoanna Haeun Jang and Linda Mourot, BBC

"O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross" (J.S. Bach) Peter Hanson, KPC

"Ciaccona in E minor" (D. Buxtehude) Stillman Matheson, PNUC

Welcome

Rev. Dave Ogilvie, BBC

Prayer and Preparation

DID E'ER SUCH LOVE AND SORROW MEET?

Invitation to Worship

* **The Hymn** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 223 - GG

1. *When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*
2. *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

3. *See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

4. *Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Responsive Prayer

Emma

LEADER: We gather as those who sense abundant grace
in the abundance of our lives,
but who remain troubled by the reality
of want and injustice in our world.

PEOPLE: We gather today to bear witness
to suffering and death upon a cross.

LEADER: We are appalled at the injustice and cruelty
of such inhumanity - not only in Jesus' story,
but also, in our own lives when we are confronted
with greed, corruption, discrimination, hatred,
violence, war, and loss of life.

PEOPLE: We mourn for civilians, in Ukraine and elsewhere,
who have been killed and displaced,
for refugees of all nations who flee oppression,
and for those who bear heavy burdens of poverty,
illness, rejection, exclusion, and alienation -
realities all too pervasive in our world.

LEADER: We recommit ourselves today as followers of Jesus,
to seeking peace, justice, mercy, forgiveness,
kindness, and love.

PEOPLE: We will respond to our world and her people
with wisdom and compassion.

LEADER: May this day of darkness not hinder our resolve to follow in Jesus' way and so to make our world a better place.

PEOPLE: In the face of salacious suffering and the callousness of crucifixion, we will hold on to the hope of resurrection.

ALL: This is our prayer. Amen.

A Gift of Song "He Was Despised" (from Handel's "Messiah")
Sharon & Larry Allen, BBC

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

The Offering Invitation Michael

NOTE: the offering will be directed through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in support of relief for Ukraine.

A Gift of Music "Agnus Dei" ('Lamb of God' - G. Fauré) Linda Mourot, BBC

QUESTIONS AT THE CROSS

Introduction

The Scriptures John 18: 28 - 40 Dee Glover, WSUC

Reflection "What is Truth?" Rev. Diane Walker, WSUC

Hymn "O God, Why Are You Silent?" (Haugen) Tune: "O Sacred Head"

- O God, why are you silent? I cannot hear your voice; the proud and strong and violent all claim you and rejoice; you promised you would hold me with tenderness and care. Draw near, O Love, enfold me, and ease this pain I bear.*

The Scriptures John 19: 1 - 16a Geoff Tennant, KPC

Reflection *"Where Do You Come From?"* Rev. Emma Duncan, KPC

- 2. Now lost within my grieving, I fall and lose my way.
My fragile, faint believing so swiftly swept away.
O God of pain and sorrow, my compass and my guide,
I cannot face the morrow without you by my side.*

The Scriptures John 19: 16b - 30 Christopher Thornton, BBC

Reflection *"Shall We Cast Lots?"* Rev. Dave Ogilvie, BBC

- 3. My hope lies bruised and battered, my wounded heart is torn;
My spirit spent and shattered, by life's relentless storm;
Will you not bend to hear me, my cries from deep within?
Have you no word to cheer me when night is closing in?*

The Scriptures John 19: 31 - 42 Rev. Martha Reynolds, PNUC

Reflection *"Where Have You Laid Him?"* Rev. Michael Brooks, PNUC

- 4. May pain draw forth compassion, let wisdom rise from loss.
Oh, take my heart and fashion the image of your cross.
Then may I know your healing, through healing that I share.
Your grace and love revealing your tenderness and care.*

Conclusion

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

* Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" 216 - GG

- 1. Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.*
- 2. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

3. *I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

* **Benediction** (adapted from "Stages on the Way", Wild Goose Worship) Diane

LEADER: So, there it is, the ugly shape of beautiful wood,
roughhewn by human hands.

PEOPLE: **Teacher, where are you now?**

LEADER: And there it is, a tight-shut tomb,
a borrowed grave, sealed with stone and silence.

PEOPLE: **Teacher, where are you now?**

LEADER: And there it is, your broken body
shrouded in linen, clothed in darkness.

PEOPLE: **Teacher, where are you now?**

LEADER: And somewhere stand your people, crying.
They will not sleep tonight.

PEOPLE: **Teacher, where are you now?**

LEADER: And in the streets, the children have stopped playing,
the sound of music has gone sour,
and even the unlikely fidget and wonder...

PEOPLE: **Teacher, where are you now?**

LEADER: And here we are saying, "If only," murmuring,
"Surely not I," counting the cost
of our carelessness, our lovelessness, our sin.

PEOPLE: **Trying vainly to gain all, we've bartered you away.
We have lost the one who found us.**

ALL: **With the Peters and Marys of all time, we wait,
for only God knows if we are worth rising for.**

Postlude "There is a Green Hill Faraway" (Cecil Alexander/C. Gounod)
Yoanna Haeun Jang and Linda Mourot, BBC