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obedient
for us unto
death,
even to death
on a CROSS

Good Friday April 19, 2019

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

*We hope that you will find in the Worship Service food for faith and a doorway to God. Metropolitan is an **Affirming Congregation**. We welcome people of all sexual orientations to worship and minister among us.*

For thousands of years this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.



ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Crucifixion from Symphonie Passion
O Man, Bewail Your Grievous Fall

Marcel Dupré
J. S. Bach

♪ **HYMN #133** Go to Dark Gethsemane

Redhead No. 76

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Bring every death you know now to grieve.

All: We come to lament the One who is light for every life...

One: And bring every injustice that you know, now, to confront,

**All: We come to bear the crosses of the day,
to witness the apparent triumph of evil,
to sit with Jesus, and one another, through the storm...**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: Creating God, bringing the world into being,
for the starred sky and the songbird that tell of your being,
for peoples diverse in colour and culture, made in your image,
speaking in many tongues –
we praise you.

**All: Help us to see you at work in the world.
We pray that our lives, even on this day, tell the Good News.**

One: Living word, seen and heard in Jesus, teacher and storyteller,
speaking words of healing and forgiveness,
standing silent in the face of hatred and lies,
crying out on the cross –
we believe in you.

**All: Help us to see you at work in the world.
We pray that our lives, even on this day, tell the Good News.**

One: Breath of the Spirit, rushing wind and still, small voice,
challenging, changing, making connections,
creating community, encouraging hope,
come among us, inspire us -
we need you.

♪ (indicates a congregational response- please stand as you are able)

All: **Help us to communicate your love.**
 We pray that our lives, especially on this day, tell the Good
 News.

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said even on this day: Forgive them. They know not what they do.
In such a love, so tender and so strong, there is always forgiveness.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE #148 *Jesus, Remember Me*

Taizé

READING excerpts from Isaiah 52 and 53

ANTHEM *O Sorrow Deep*

David Hurd

O sorrow deep! Who would not weep with heartfelt pain and sighing! God the Father's only Son in the tomb is lying. The Paschal Lamb, like Isaac's ram, in blood was offered for us, pouring out his life that he might to life restore us. Blest shall they be eternally who ponder in their weeping that the glorious Prince of Life should in death be sleeping. O Jesus blest, my help and rest, with tears I pray thee, hear me: now, and even unto death dearest Lord, be near me.

READING John 18:1-19:42

♪**HYMN #145** *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

Passion Chorale

SERMON: **"FOR WHOM THE COCK CROWS"**
 The Rev. Karen Bowles

ANTHEM *Drop, drop slow tears*

Orlando Gibbons

Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace. Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (ALL) (*Voices United*, p. 921)

♪**HYMN #149** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Rockingham

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *My Heart is Filled with Longing* Johannes Brahms

Worshippers may remain a while or depart, as it feels appropriate. We invite you to come forward to touch the cross before you go. The offering for the work of the church will be received at the Chancel steps near the cross.

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are the **Rev. Karen Bowles** and the **Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lesson is **Linn Holness**. The ministry of music is offered by the Metropolitan Choir conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker**, and by Junior Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Metropolitan Festival Choir's** annual **GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT** is evening at 7:30: ***Pieta: Music and Poetry for Good Friday***. Please come to the concert to buy tickets at \$20/10 ages 18 and under.

Saturday, April 20

8:00 p.m. Service of **The Easter Vigil** with lighting of the Paschal Candle, stories of our Faith, renewal of Baptismal vows, and the first Communion of Easter.

Sunday, April 21 *Easter Sunday*

6:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service at St. Luke's United Church
353 Sherbourne St. (Sherbourne/Carlton)
The Rolling Stones
The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

9:30 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel
I Have Seen the Lord
The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

11:00 a.m. Worship and Church School
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Metropolitan Choir & Metropolitan Silver Band
Last Lines
The Rev. Karen Bowles



"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." — Lao Tzu

A LEGACY - IT'S OURS TO LEAVE. A gift of any amount in your will can make a world of difference to the Metropolitan United Church of the future. When you make your estate plans, thank you for remembering Metropolitan.