

## A Time for Prayer

A time for silent prayers and lighting candles for the hearts willing to be broken open, that's how the light gets in.

### Lord's Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

### Final Reflection & Benediction

*Rev. Alan Claassen*

### Hymn VU #509 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

*You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for a time of meditation.  
We ask that you go from this sanctuary in prayerful silence.*

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We gratefully acknowledge that we are gathered on the unceded territory of the Shishalh  
Nation.

## Good Friday Worship Service

March 30, 2018

An Ecumenical Service for  
Living Faith Lutheran Church, St. Hilda's Anglican Church,  
at St. John's United Church

The  
people  
stood  
yelling,  
“Crucify!”  
and it breaks our hearts every time.  
For Jesus' death occurs every time someone  
is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.  
“Crucify!”  
tears  
away  
at  
God's  
Beloved.

## Good Friday Worship Service

(We use two hymn books; VU is Voices United. MV is More Voices)

### Welcome & Invocation

*Rev. Alan Claassen*

### Prelude

*Ken Dalglish*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

May the light of Jesus Christ, become the light in our hearts.

May the light in our hearts, become the peace in our world.

### Call to Community

In hope, in longing:

**We come here today to remember Jesus,**

In solidarity with those who struggle:

**A man who had dreams,**

In resistance to those who dominate others:

**Who had those dreams shattered,**

In memory of Jesus, who lived with compassion:

**Who needed time to pray and to weep,**

In memory of all who act with courage:

**Who knew he was likely to die for what he believed.**

On this day we look at the cross,

**And we remember that Jesus prepared us for this day  
and the ones that will soon follow.**

**Hymn MV #79** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

### Unison Prayer

Our Creator, maker of heaven and earth, on this Good Friday, our whole world is engulfed in shadows as we remember the story of Jesus' death. It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath.

But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there: the pain of the world, the pain of the earth, the pain of the children; so that we may know the other side of pain, which is healing and life-sustaining.

Strengthen us with your courage; offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death; let us know you are present with us here in this moment so that our hearts may be broken open to love one another as Jesus loves us. Amen.

**Poetry Reading** "Lead" by Mary Oliver

*Joan Baker*

### Meditation in Music, Word and Silence

**Hymn VU #133** *Go to Dark Gethsemane (verses 1, 2)*

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:1-11

*Rev. Clarence Li*

Reflection 1

*Silence*

**Hymn VU #147** *What Wondrous Love Is This (verses 1-3)*

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:12-20

*Rev. Richard Hergesheimer*

Reflection 2

*Silence*

**Choral Anthem**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:21-32

*Rev. Alan Claassen*

Reflection 3

*Silence*

**Hymn VU #144** *Were You There (verses 1-3)*

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:33-41

*Rev. Clarence Li*

Reflection 4

*Silence*

**Hymn VU #144** *Were You There (verses 4, 5)*

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:42-47

*Rev. Richard Hergesheimer*

Reflection 5

*Silence*

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:39-43

*Rev. Alan Claassen*

Reflection 6

**Taize Chant VU #148** *Jesus, Remember Me*



