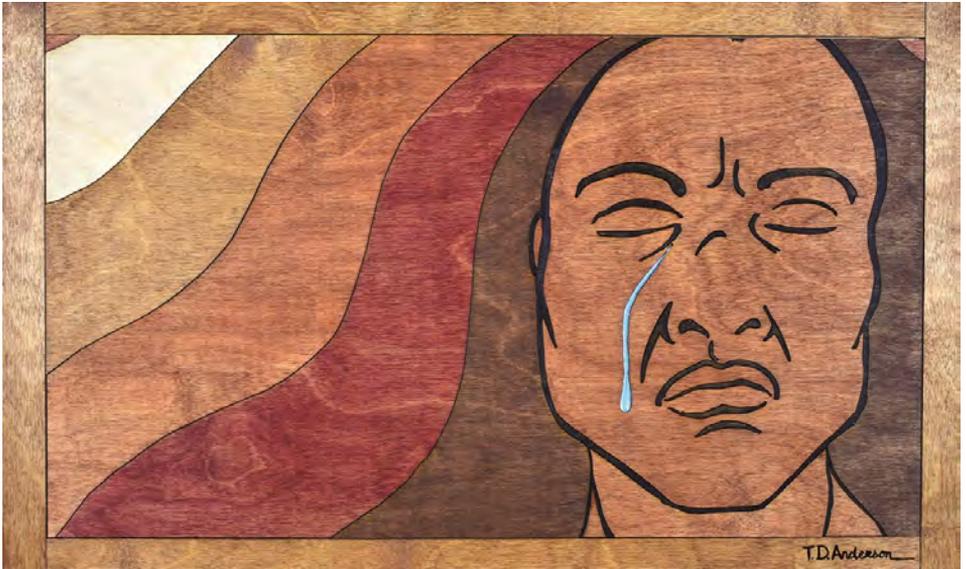


Stations of the Cross

An Ecumenical Service for Good Friday 2022

A service prepared and led by the clergy and people
of St. Peter Anglican Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church and
Campbell River United Church



Our churches are located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Lignw'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klaboose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Stations of the Cross

A Contemporary View

This service is crafted to include members of three Campbell River congregations: Trinity Presbyterian, Campbell River United, and St. Peter Anglican. We welcome all who have chosen to attend.

As with most zoom services there are strategies to make the parts audible. Before the service begins you are invited to light a candle or place a Cross or other faith symbol before you. As we begin all voices will be muted. When it is your turn to speak please unmute yourself. When a response is indicated for the congregation, or when music is played, we invite you to join in the response or the singing in the privacy of your own home.

First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Leader: The Rev. John Green

Reader: Shari Green



Woman and child rescued from bombed maternity hospital in Ukraine. Both later died.

Leader: First station: Jesus is condemned to death

a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from Luke.

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. (Luke 23:20-25)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Jesus came among us as a vulnerable infant, born to homeless parents in borrowed shelter. Even when Jesus was warned away from the danger of the Holy City, he made himself vulnerable by "turning his face toward Jerusalem." In this reading he stands before Pilate and the people in vulnerability again. He stands for all people who have been accused, tried, and condemned falsely. He stands for all people who have suffered because of what they believe. His vulnerability reminds us that we live in a world where injustice and persecution are realities. He reminds us of our promise to "persevere in resisting evil."

Leader: For all who are falsely accused, judged and condemned, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For hearts cleansed of prejudice and selfishness that we may hunger and thirst for what is right, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For wisdom to discern the right and courage to stand with those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy

Leader: For forgiveness for the times when we have failed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

Second Station: Jesus Carries his Cross



Campbell River United Church

Leader: Rev. Sarah Fanning

Reader: Bill Huxham

The leader: Second Station: Jesus Carries his Cross

A bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from John.

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying his Cross by himself he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. (John 19:16-17)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: You carry your Cross in pain and you carry the pain of the world on your shoulders. All the brokenness, all the sin, all the aching misery and need are part of your burden. And wherever there is persecution and suffering you carry your Cross again. And yet in the midst of your pain you walk in trust, knowing that you are not alone, that the Holy One who sent you into this aching world is with you in each step. You called upon us to take up our cross daily and follow you. You promise to make our burdens light. We know that any burden must be lighter than the one you carry.

Leader: For all who walk in pain and sorrow, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For the grace to carry our crosses with courage and trust, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For forgiveness for the times we have added to the burden carried by another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. Silence is kept

The Third Station: Jesus Fall the First Time



Children take refuge from bombs in Lviv,, Ukraine.

St. Peter's Anglican Church

Leader: The Rev. Catherine Hall

Reader: Pauline Woods

The leader: The Third Station: Jesus falls the first time
a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from John

If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world - therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master". If they persecute me they will persecute you. John 15: 18-20)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God

Leader: You stumble when you carry the burden of the world's brokenness and we cannot be surprised. We also stumble often, we forget the way, we put our cross down, and we fail. You rose from your fall and continued on your way and this is your call to us, even our commitment in baptism. Sometimes the world hates us because we choose you and your way. And often we are tempted to leave the way in order to avoid the pain of being hated. But your faithful example calls us to persevere, and when we fall to rise again and continue.

Leader: For all who are persecuted for the sake of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For strength to rise from our falls and return to your way, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For strength to resist the temptation to despair, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

Music: O Come and Mourn with me a While, Jim and Jean Strathdee

Fourth Station: Jesus Meets his Mother



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Leader: Pauline Bibby

Reader: Peter Bibby

The leader: Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother

a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from John.

Meanwhile standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (John 19:25-27)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: What comfort it must have been to see her loving face after all those hours of torture. To remember the love and joy of family life, to know that there was more in the world, more in life, than pain and hatred and abuse. But her pain at seeing you so wounded must have hurt your heart even as her love strengthened you. You call upon us to love one another without counting the cost and you promise your abiding love will always be with us.

Leader: For all parents, that they may be strengthened in their task of nurturing, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For forgiveness for the times when we have hurt those who love us. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For thankful hearts, that we may cherish all that is good in our families and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

The Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry his Cross



Campbell River United Church

Leader: Rev. Sarah Fanning

Reader: Laurie McCulligh

The leader: Fifth station, Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus
a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from Luke.

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Our ears still ring with your words; you told us that if we would follow you we must take up our cross daily. Is this what you meant? This painful, sorrowful way? We don't know where our paths will lead but at least we have this, your example, for us. We have also the knowledge that as you were sustained and strengthened on your way it will be so for us. Simon carried on his shoulders for a little time some of your burden. He was a stranger and a visitor who was caught up in the events of this day. We share your burden as Simon did when we care for those who are suffering.

Leader: For all who work to relieve the suffering of others, for front-line health care workers and therapists, for clergy and caring friends, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For times when we encounter the suffering of others, that we will have eyes and hearts to know how to help, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For all who are strangers among us, that we will see their potential to offer as well as their need to receive, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus



St. Peter's Anglican Church

Leader: The Rev. David Fitzsimmons

Reader: Sue Vickery

The leader: Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from Matthew

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: This woman exists in tradition, we don't know who she was or even that her name was Veronica. But we are glad to think that she was there to touch you in your pain, not to draw back as so many did. She, and those like her who cared for you in these painful hours brought you some comfort, some sense of being loved even as the hatred of the world did its work in destroying you. You touched the wounds of those who came to you; she had the grace to touch you in your wounding time.

Leader: For strength to offer comfort to those who are suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For grace not to shrink from seeing the wounds of others, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For God's blessing on all who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

Seventh Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time

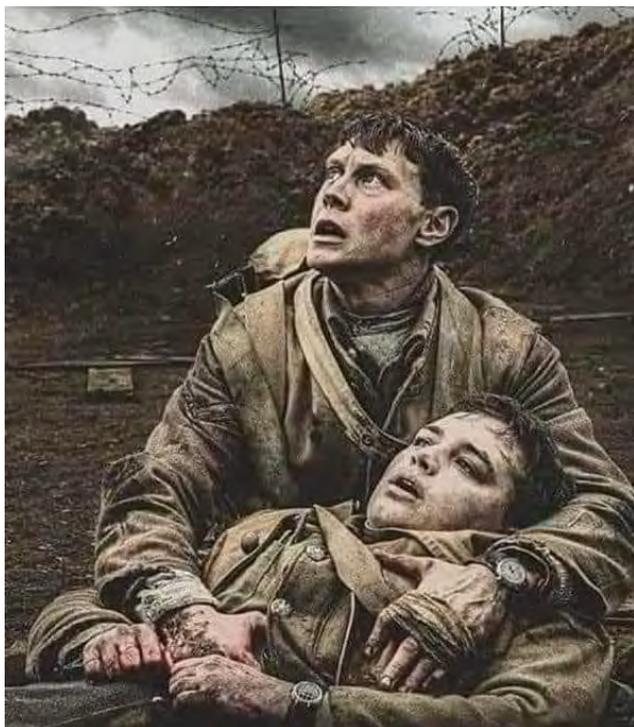
Trinity Presbyterian Church

Leader: Jerry Dennison

Reader: Carol Dennison

Leader: the seventh station, Jesus falls the second time

A bell rings, silence is kept



Reader: A reading from Isaiah

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The burden was heavy, causing you to falter and fall. All of us have had that experience. We know what it means to fail, to be unable to carry on. But in your weariness and pain you continued to shoulder your burden, to put one foot in front of the other, to take one step at a time on your final journey. You walked in the knowledge that God walked with you. You were sustained by the promises of God.

Leader: For times when we are weary and times when we fail, that we may remember God's presence, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For grace to live with our imperfections and for willingness to be tolerant of human limitations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For all who live in fear and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

Holy God, holy and mighty,

holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

The Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Campbell River United Church

Leader: Rev. Sarah Fanning

Reader: Bill Huxham

Leader: the Eighth station, Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
a bell rings, silence is kept.



Inuit leaders visit the Vatican seeking an apology and action from the Pope

Reader: A reading from Luke.

A great number of people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Our hearts are moved by their compassionate weeping. These are mothers, wives, sisters and daughters. Women who know all too well of the pain and sorrow of loss. Their folk have gone to war or gone on a trip or been arrested and never returned. And yet they weep for you and for your suffering. And then you, recognizing their losses, tell them to weep for themselves, for their own loss, for the world's loss.

Leader: For all who weep for sons, daughters, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers who are missing, that they too may be comforted. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For the gift of compassionate hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For thankful hearts for the healing power of tears, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

Music: Healer of our Every Ill, Campbell River United Church

Ninth Station: Jesus Falls a Third Time

St. Peter's Anglican Church

Leader: The Rev. Catherine Hall

Reader: George Wagner

The leader: Ninth station, Jesus falls a third time
a bell rings, silence is kept.



A man stumbles through the burning ruins of Kharviv.

Reader: A reading from the Psalms

My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word. When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes. Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The vulnerability of your birth, your human life, even the vulnerability of being judged by a foreigner are nothing to this moment. Three is the number of completion. You have entered utterly into our human experience. You no longer have the strength to go forward, there is no way to go back. Now you can only rely on the strength of God to carry you. And we know that whatever the depths of our pain and helplessness, we are not alone.

Leader: For all who lack strength to continue their journey, for all who are close to despair, that they may know they are never alone, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For ourselves, that we may be able to offer comfort to those who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For all who work for peace and an end to human suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

Holy God, holy and mighty,

holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Leader: Peter Bibby

Reader: Pauline Bibby

The leader: Tenth station, Jesus is stripped of his garments
a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from Matthew.

They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.



Leader: Stripped of freedom, stripped of clothing, stripped of dignity. You stand before the jeering and contemptuous crowd, people whom you still loved and forgave. No bitterness or hatred touched your heart in this painful time. And yet it is true that all of us must stand before the face of God stripped of all covering; we may not hide ourselves from God or from ourselves. And yet, we know that when we stand revealed before God that we will be cloaked in the love of God.

Leader: For all who are being humiliated or bullied this day, that they will know neither hatred nor bitterness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For ourselves, that we will always recognize the dignity of each person created in your image, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For forgiveness for times when we have caused the humiliation of another person, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Campbell River United Church

Leader: Rev Sarah Fanning

Reader: Laurie McCulligh

The leader: The eleventh station, Jesus is nailed to the cross

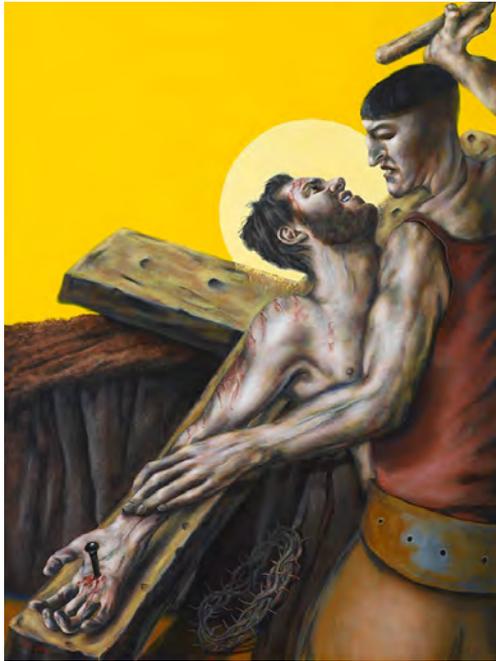
a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from Luke.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called the Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.



Leader: What a cruel parody. Once on a journey James and John asked for places of privilege, one at your right and one at your left when you come into your kingdom. These places of privilege now are given at great cost to the thieves, one who mocks and one who questions the fairness of your fate. You ask for forgiveness for the cruelty these people inflict on you; you recognize that they do not know what they are doing. How often do we act in ignorance?

Leader: For eyes to see the presence of God in all things so that we may not act in ignorance of that which is holy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For ourselves, that we will recognize injustice and unfairness and have the courage to name them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For forgiveness for times when we have acted without knowing what we are doing, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

St. Peter's Anglican Church

Leader: The Rev. David Fitzsimmons

Reader: Rick Monchak

The leader: Twelfth station, Jesus dies on the Cross

a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from Luke.

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the Temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence is kept

Leader: This moment is pivot point in all of human history. In this moment you have done what you set out to do. A gateway has been opened, a boundary crossed, between life and death. This is the veil between what we know and what we do not know. But now you have pierced this veil and opened the way for all of humanity. You willingly surrender yourself and all that you have done into God's hands; nothing now is left but the pure presence of God.

Leader: We remain in reverent silence:

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.

**Thirteenth Station: The Body of Jesus
is Taken Down from the Cross**

Campbell River United Church

Leader: Rev. Sarah Fanning

Reader: Bill Huxham

The leader: Thirteenth station, the body of Jesus is taken down
a bell rings, silence is kept.



Reader: A reading from John

When the soldiers came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the religious authorities, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: All that is left to his friends now is to grieve. All that they can do now is care for your earthly remains, this empty shell. The time before sunset is short, what they can do is limited. But there is no limit to their grief. The human point of view shows us only utter defeat, the “valley of the shadow of death”; how can we find hope in such a time? But grief is really only an expression of love, and where love is, God is also present.

Leader: For all who grieve that they may know the presence of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For those who are dying and those who watch over the dying that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

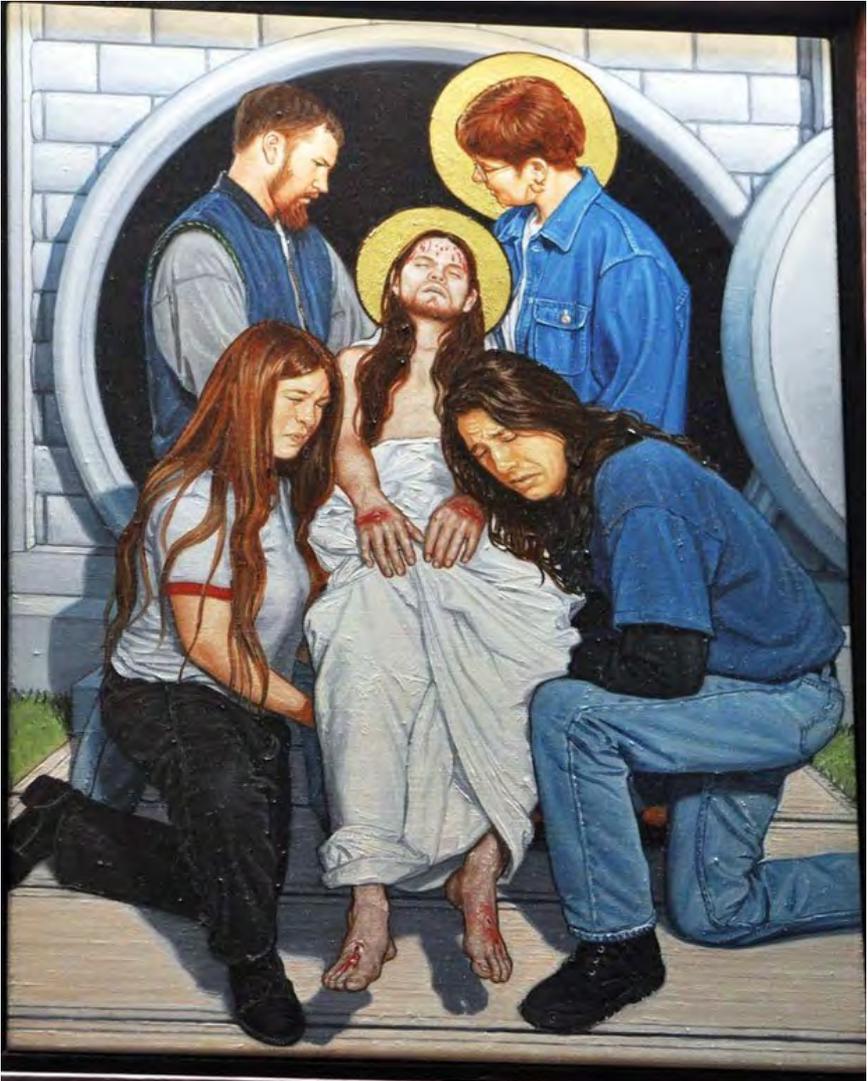
People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For grace to recognize our own mortality and to face death with courage, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:
Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence before we begin the next station.



Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

St. Peter's Anglican Church

Leader: The Rev. Catherine Hall

Reader: Kate Fitzsimmons

The leader: Fourteenth station, Jesus is laid in the tomb.

a bell rings, silence is kept.

Reader: A reading from Matthew

So Joseph of Arimathea took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The body, the divine-human image is shrouded, wrapped lovingly by those who have stood and watched with you. It is placed in the quiet darkness of the tomb and left. What else can the living do but leave the dead? Human beings tend to fear the darkness, especially the darkness of the sealed tomb. And yet it is in this same darkness that a transformation takes place. A mystery which even now we do not comprehend but which we celebrate and for which we give thanks.

Leader: For peaceful hearts in the face of death, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For those who have gone before us in the life of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For those of our family and friends who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

The people say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

A bell rings. There is a moment of silence

Hymn: In the Bulb there is a Flower

Georgia Smith, Lori Gooldrup, and Kate Fitzsimmons

In the bulb there is a flower, In the seed an apple tree;
In cocoons a hidden promise, Butterflies will soon be free;
In the cold and snow of winter There's a spring that waits to be;
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness bring hope to you and me.
From the past will come a future: what it holds, a mystery.
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time infinity;
In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity.
In our death a resurrection, in the last a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**Come you masters of war
You that build the big guns
You that build the death planes
You that build all the bombs
You that hide behind walls
You that hide behind desks
I just want you to know
I can see through your masks**

**Let me ask you one question
Is your money that good?
Will it buy you forgiveness?
Do you think that it could?**

**I think you will find
When your death takes its toll
All the money you made
Will never buy back your soul**

Bob Dylan



Concluding prayers:

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

Leader: Almighty and eternal God,

All you have restored us to life

by the triumphant death

and resurrection of Christ.

Continue this healing work within us.

May we who partake of this mystery

never cease to give you dedicated service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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WELCOME!

This service has been prepared so that three churches in Campbell River can observe Good Friday in an ecumenical service.

This service intends to link past event with the present, to combine traditional elements with the contemporary. The words encourage self-examination but with a focus on our call to “do justice and to love mercy.” It was adapted from a service of Stations of the Cross written by Catherine Hall in 2001.

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