

Today`s bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of parents

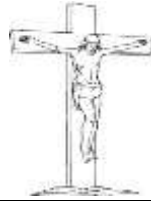
Noel and Christine Halfyard

From son Keith and daughter Margaret

St. James United Church

April 6, 2012, Good Friday

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Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

The cross calls us to wonder, to praise, and to pray.
The cross of Jesus Christ calls us to look back on a life of compassion.
The cross of Jesus Christ, God`s inspired one, calls us to look back on a life of justice-seeking.
The cross of Jesus Christ, God`s beloved one, calls us to look toward those who are crucified today.
The cross. Lift high the cross

Hymn: The Wonderful Cross verses 1, 3 & 4 149

Chorus: O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross; all who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

Opening Prayer: (unison)

We have come on this awful day, O God, because you love us, and we want to be with Jesus through his agony and death. Help us not to flinch or turn away from his suffering, but rather lead us with him through the

Hymn: At The Cross Her Vigil Keeping 139

Extinguish the sixth candle

Scripture: Mark 15: 42-47

Hymn: Were You There verses 1, 2, 4, 5 144

Prayer & Lord`s Prayer: (responsive)

L: Jesus we have denied you, each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.
P: **May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**
L: Jesus we have betrayed you, each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.
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L: Jesus we have mocked you, each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.
P: **May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**
L: Jesus we are lost and have strayed, welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.
P: **May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**
L: All merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed you have never abandoned us. On this Good Friday we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. We pray now as Jesus taught us: Our Father...

Response:

Extinguish the Christ candle

Depart in silence

Free will offering will be collected in the vestibule.

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Scripture: Mark 14: 17-25

Response:

Scripture: Mark 14: 26-50

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Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane 133

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Scripture: Mark 14: 53-65

Response:

Extinguish the second candle

Scripture: Mark 14: 66-72

Hymn: How deep the Fathers Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give His only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to Glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
no gift, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Extinguish the third candle

Scripture: Mark 15: 1-24

Response:

Extinguish the fourth candle

Scripture: Mark 15: 25-32

Hymn: There Is A Green Hill Far Away 152

Response:

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Scripture: Mark 15: 33

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Easter Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Following the service our youth participating in the Go Project to be hosted here at St. James this summer will be serving a boiled egg breakfast. There will be no cost but any donations collected will be gratefully accepted and will go towards the cost of hosting the Go Project.

11:00 a.m. Service of Celebration