

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory
of **parents, Noel and Christine Halfyard,**
from son Keith and daughter Margaret.

St. James United Church

March 29, 2013, 7pm, Good Friday

Minister: Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pam Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard
Music: Sight Restored
Leadership: Youth of St. James

Introit: Above All

Call to Worship: (responsive)

(L) Good Friday is a difficult part of our faith.
It is a day of shadows and death.

**(P) A day when it seems like the sun
will never shine bright enough or warm enough again.**

(L) It is a day of pain and sorrow.

**(P) A day when hope dies;
when the world seems withered and barren.**

(L) It is a hard story to tell.

**(P) But we will tell it. We will hear it, and feel it, and share it.
For it is our story, our hope and our salvation.**

Opening Prayer

Sung Response: (unison) 148
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.

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Words of Assurance: (unison)

Let us hear the good news of Good Friday. No matter how desperate our circumstances, no matter how alone and isolated we feel, God is there, loving us, surrounding us, upholding us, just as God carried Jesus through pain and death to Easter morning. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: Wonderful Cross (1, 3 and 4) 149

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

Scripture: John 18:1-11

Hymn: Go To Dark Gethsemane 133

Scripture: John 18: 28-38

Meditation: The Nails Speak

Hymn: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe;
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on Him was laid
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay.
Light of the world by darkness slain.

Reflection at the cross

Reading It was on the Friday

Please leave the sanctuary in silence, offering be received at the door.

Easter Sunday Worship:

8.30am Easter Sunday Communion

9.30am St. James Easter Breakfast

11am Service of Celebration