

April 18, 2025, Good Friday

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Amy Dalziel and Becca-Ann Bartlett
Ushering: Marilyn Adams and Susan Pike

*Please rise as you are able where there is an * in the service.
Print in **bold** indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

We Gather in Silence

A WORD TO CENTRE US: “Mary weeps” by Grace Di Falco

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 22*)

Today is hard to bear as we recall how Jesus suffered and died.

He had given his all and now he had to take one final step?

No wonder the words of the psalmist were on his lips:

“My God, why have you abandoned me?

Why are you so far away?”

Beaten, bruised and mocked, he was like “a worm and no man”

He felt scorned and despised,

surrounded by enemies, abandoned by all.

Yet he still proclaimed: “God you are holy.

Our ancestors trusted in you.”

“They cried out to you and were saved.”

May we too have such trust, even when our lives are poured out.

Though broken-hearted, may we too say: “I proclaim

God’s name. I trust and am never brought to shame.”

OPENING REFLECTION

HYMN: “Were You There” (*Voices United* 144, v 1-3, 1)

We Pause to Remember

As the readings progress, candles are also progressively extinguished.

Reading 1: John 18:12-27

Reading 2: John 18:28a, 33-38a

Reading 3: John 19:1-16a

HYMN: “Jesus Keep me near the Cross” (*Voices United* 142)

Reading 4: John 19: 16b-25a

Reading 5: John 25b-27

HYMN: “O Sacred Head” (*Voices United* 145)

Reading 6: John 27-30

The final candle is extinguished. All mark a time of silence.

SOLO: “Lullaby” (Suo Gan)

LITANY OF THE CROSS

The sung response to the litany is: “Jesus Remember me” (VU 148)

We Leave in Sorrow

Reading 7: John 19:38-42

HYMN: “Were You There” (*Voices United* 144, v 5)

You are invited to depart in silence.

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