

St. Paul's United Church

March 29, 2013

Good Friday

Prelude Come Sweet Death, Comes Blessed Rest Bach/Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

One: Gather, friends of the Christ, to hear the story and offer one another support.

All: *We turn now toward the cross, to witness and contemplate our capacity for foolishness and violence.*

One: Let not your hearts be troubled; neither let them be afraid.

All: *Even in the valley of the shadow of death, our God is with us.*

Hymn: There is a Green Hill Far Away VU 152

Reading from the First Testament: Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12
Roland Krause

Opening Prayer:

One: Gracious and merciful God, we thank you for gathering us together today to recall the events which happened on Calvary that first Good Friday.

All: **We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us, and his commitment to defeat evil, even when that meant his own suffering and his own death.**

One: In his willingness to make us righteous, he poured himself out to death, even death on a cross, and so, in response to such love and sacrifice,

All: **We commit ourselves as his disciples to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice in Jesus' name. Amen**

THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown VU 143 (vs 1-2)

THE FIRST WORD

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they."

Luke 23:34a

Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown VU 143 (vs 3-4)

THE SECOND WORD

"Today you shall be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

Hymn: Jesus Remember Me VU 148 x 2

THE THIRD WORD

"Dear woman, behold your son." and to John "Behold your mother." John 19: 26,27

Silent prayer: *Pray for families*

Choir: They Crucified My Lord VU 141 (vs 1-2)

THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" Matt 27:46

Silent prayer: *Bring to mind and pray for those whom you know to be sorrowful, lonely, separated from friends and family, from culture, from land...*

Choir: They Crucified My Lord VU 141 (vs 3-5)

THE FIFTH WORD

"I thirst" John 19:28

Hymn: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400 x2

SERMON The Message of the Cross

THE SIXTH WORD

"It is finished." John 19:30

Silent prayer: *Offer thanks to God for this incredible gift of
love given to us at such cost by Jesus.*

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus VU 135

THE SEVENTH WORD

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 24:46

THE LORD'S PRAYER VU 959

PROFESSION OF FAITH VU 918

*All depart in silence, there is no Benediction
as the worship begun this morning does not
conclude until the Easter Service.*