

**Good Friday**

*Unbroken*  
*A living faith*

**April 18, 2025**

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**“God loves us eternally”**  
**Friday, April 18, 2025**  
*(\* indicates the assembly stands)*

*All Gather in Silence*

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem	<i>“O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile”</i>	M. Sedio
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First Reading		Revelation 21:1-5
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Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading		John 18:1 – 19:42
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Musical interludes during the Gospel reading:

Solo	<i>“Repentir”</i>	C. Gounod
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Anthem	<i>“Lacrimosa”</i>	W.A. Mozart
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Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 759		<i>“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”</i>
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Bidding Prayer		p. 263
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*At the conclusion of each bid: “...through Christ our Lord,”*

*the assembly responds: **Amen.***

Choir Response	<i>“My Soul Awaits in Silence”</i>	E. Daley
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*Lord’s Prayer ( <i>Our Father who art in heaven...</i> )		p. 264
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\*Procession of the Cross (*the assembly stands, and faces the cross as it is brought forward, and the following dialogue is repeated three times*)

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Saviour of the whole world.

**A: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

\*Glory of the Cross (see page 3)

*You are invited to be seated or kneel in quiet prayer and meditation  
before departing in silence. The offering will be collected at the exits. Undesignated  
and loose offerings will be donated to Out of the Cold.*

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**\*Glory of the Cross**

P: We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross, joy has come into the world.

**A: May God be merciful and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.  
Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among the nations.**

P: We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross, joy has come into the world.

**A: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

P: We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross, joy has come into the world.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**A: By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

**God loves us eternally.** Through the resurrection of Jesus, God shows us that death does not have the final word. God promises to be with us not only in this life but in the life to come. God promises a new heaven and a new earth where there's no more crying, no more dying, only life, only love. God's promise to love us eternally is not just about the future but compels us to live as if love extends beyond the bounds of death.

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### **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister and violinist:** Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choir Director and Soloist:** Corey Linforth

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Keelyn Thorogood, Caroline Schmidt, Dylan Siebert, Nick Maldonado, Drew Aarssen

**Choir Members:** Julia Crnko, Thea Marie Becker, Lana Moses, Erika Sattler, Bev Roeder, Jim Sattler, Tim Schaner

**Shakuhachi:** Dr. Gerard Yun

**Lector:** Bob Loeb sack

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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## **Worship Notes**

**In our prayers** Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

**Today's prayers and passion narrative will be enhanced** by meditative breaks using the Japanese Zen Buddhist Shakuhachi. The shakuhachi is a monastic instrument that travelled with esoteric Buddhism from China to Japan between the 7th the 8th centuries. Dr. Gerard Yun brings the contemplative aesthetics of traditional Zen *honkyoku* (meditation music) into conversation with the Good Friday liturgy. The bamboo instru-

ment is designed to play music called *honkyoku* (original songs — used to deepen and sustain contemplative states). Shakuhachi meditation is called *suizen* (blowing meditation).

### **Repentir translation**

Ah! Do not reject my sinful soul!

Hear my cry and see my repentance!

Come to my aid, O Lord, answer me quickly and take pity on my distress.

Shield me from your vengeful justice, my Saviour!

O divine Redeemer, forgive my weakness!

As night gathers round, I cry to you O Lord.

My soul is weighed down, my flesh is bruised,  
and my heart is changed by blood's sacrifice.

May your hand mercifully bless me, O divine Redeemer.

### **Lacrimosa translation**

The day will be full of tears when from the ashes the guilty man shall arise to be judged; Therefore spare him, O God, merciful Lord Jesus. Grant them rest eternal. Amen.

### **Important Information for today's worship**

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering or leaving.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.



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