

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
**130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Friday, April 2, 2021, 10:00 am

### **Good Friday**

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

#### **Music as We Gather**

#### **\* Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

We light this candle in the name of Jesus, who came amongst us, a light to our footsteps.

**Jesus, the Word-made-flesh, calls us to live in the light of hope and life.**

#### **Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace that Christ gives be with you.

**And also with you!**

#### **\* Call to Worship:**

The Word was in the beginning and has called us here.

**To sing, to pray, to tell the story.**

God of life, move among us,

**As we remember the uncomfortable story,**

God of Hope, on this day we call Good,

**Hold in our hearts the hope that overcomes despair.**

God of Promise,

**Remind us that even as the world falls apart,  
you assure us of your presence with us.**

God of Light shining through the cracks and wounds,

**Hold us in your love as we gaze up at the cross again.**

This we pray in the name of the one who lived his Passion, and  
taught us to pray together saying, Our Father...

# The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** “O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile” VU #136  
vs. 1,2,4

O come and mourn with me awhile;  
O come now to the Saviour's side;  
O come, together let us mourn:  
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for him,  
while soldiers scoff and foes deride?  
Ah! Look how patiently he hangs:  
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

O love of God! O sin-filled world!  
In this dread act your strength is tried,  
and victory remains with love:  
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

# The Passion of Christ

## First of the Shadows

## The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

**(John 18:1-12)**

*Extinguish the first candle*

## Second of the Shadows

**Peter denies Jesus**

**(John 18:14-18; 25-27)**

*Extinguish the second candle*

### **Prayer For and Assurance of Grace:**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**we admit that sometimes we join in the crowds that  
seek our personal interests over the communal good.**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
**we admit that we wander away from you and then  
wonder why we feel abandoned. Grant us the peace  
that comes with knowing that we are not alone.**

Light of the world, shining through the shadows, for those  
times we have helped to create the shadows,  
**forgive us. Through Grace break through the shadows,  
the light of hope; the beacon that keeps us in  
relationship.**

Even in the face of betrayal and rebellion, even in the face of  
death and denial, even in the face of fear and despair, God's  
Grace knows no bounds. We ARE forgiven, we ARE called into  
relationship, we ARE set back on the path that leads to the  
goodness of Jesus in our lives.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\* Hymn:** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

VU #142  
vs.1,3,4

Jesus, keep me near the cross;  
there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream,  
flows from Calvary's mountain.

**Refrain:**

*In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. **R**

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. **R**

**Third of the Shadows**

**Trial of Jesus before Pilate**

**(John 18:28–38)**

*Extinguish the third candle*

**Fourth of the Shadows**

**Jesus is Condemned to Death**

**(John 18:38–19:16a)**

*Extinguish the fourth candle*

**\* Hymn:** “Where You There”

VU #144

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## **Fifth of the Shadows**

**From the Cross, Jesus Calls Forth**

**Beloved Community**

**(John 19:16b-27)**

*Extinguish the fifth candle*

**Anthem:** "Could You Not Watch"

*Participants: Cupido Daniels, Nancy Handrigan, Fred  
Lipskey, Betty Rockwell, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk,  
Debbie Mailman (clarinet)*

**Sermon:** **We Need Good Friday**

### **Sixth of the Shadows**

**Jesus Dies**

**(John 19:28-30)**

*Extinguish the sixth candle*

**\* Hymn:** "Stay with Us through the Night"

VU #182

Stay with us through the night.  
Stay with us through the pain.  
Stay with us, blessed stranger  
till the morning breaks again.

Stay with us through the night.  
Stay with us through the grief.  
Stay with us, blessed stranger  
till the morning brings relief.

Stay with us through the night.  
Stay with us through the dread.  
Stay with us, blessed stranger  
till the morning breaks new bread.

**Jesus is dead...It is finished**

*Extinguish the Christ (seventh) candle*

### **Seventh of the Shadows**

**Jesus is Laid in the Tomb**

**(John 19:38-42)**

## **Christ on the Cross: Last Words**

*Jesus is laid in the tomb, and his followers leave him to God, in the silence and rest of Sabbath.*

### **Sending Out:**

Our service has not ended. We have been faithful to our friend and stayed with him in his suffering and death. Today, this is how we leave this unfinished story.

And being a people of hope,  
we wait, we trust, and we pray  
even without knowing how the story ends,  
and we remember Jesus.

*You are invited to sit in the silence as you wish,  
and leave in silence when ready.*