

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
"The Church by the Side of the Road"
Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment
P.O. Box 13010, Station Topsail, Conception Bay South, NL, A1W 2K1
www.topsailunited.ca
Office Phone: 834-4567 Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-12:00pm
Minister Rev. Kathy J. Brett (cell 771-9779)
Musician: Madeleine Gaudette

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 14, 2022

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER...

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement Of Territory

Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit: #120 O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs. 1)

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*

Call to Worship

Hymn: #663 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

May thy rich grace impact
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee

pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death. We come with his friends, the women and men who have followed him in every place and generation, to live once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage. We come to witness your love in action. Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116, Vu#836

*How can I repay you, God,
for all the goodness you show me?*

I love you, God, because you heard my voice
when I made supplication,

**because you turned your ear to me,
when I called upon your name.**

the cords of death entangled me,
and the pangs of the Grave laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called upon the name of God:

"O God, I pray, save my life" R

How can I repay you, God,
for all the good things you have done for me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of god.**

I will pay my vows in the presence of all God's people. R

Precious in the sight of God is the death of the saints.

O God, I am your servant;

I am the servant, the child of your maidservant.

You have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

and will call upon the name of God.

I will pay my vows to God in the presence of all God's people,

in the courts of the house of God, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17

Reflection: Rev. James Ravencroft

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Ministry of Music:

Prayer Of Confession: (unison)

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him.

(Silent confession)

Forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus came as our source of eternal salvation, the fount of our forgiveness and new life. Thanks and praise to God. Amen.

Sung Response: #95 (MV) How Deep the Peace

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs are forgiven.

How deep the peace, the confidence of those whose hearts are healed.

The Peace:

On the night that Jesus ate supper with his friends for the last time, he said, "peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you." My brothers and sisters in Christ, may the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Sung Offertory: #149 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs. 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were a present far too small:

love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer of Dedication: (unison)

O God, we bring before you our offering; not as 30 pieces of silver, but as symbols of ourselves. Bless the giving, we pray, in Christ's name. Amen.

WE REMEMBER THE TABLE OF FRIENDS

Invitation

Hymn: Loving One who Tends Creation (tune #227) Taylor Burton-Edwards

Loving One who tends creation, blessed be your name.

With all praise and adoration, blessed be your name.

You have brought us here, together,

bound us in one heart forever

In your mercy, failing never. Blessed be your name.

Jesus, filled with great compassion, blessed be your name.

Feed us truth, our lives refashion, blessed be your name.

*In the bread we give each other,
Friend or stranger, sister, brother,
Make us one with all who suffer. Blessed be your name.*

*Spirit, breathing life through water, blessed be your name.
Cleanse and keep each son and daughter. Blessed be your name.
In the pouring, glasses clinking, in refreshment we are drinking,
May we feel our inter-linking. Blessed be your name.*

*Triune God, Eternal, Holy, blessed be your name.
You bless all, the high and lowly. Blessed be your name.
Grateful for the meal before us, raise us up our voice in chorus,
Knowing always you are for us. Blessed be your name.*

The Great Thanksgiving

May God, the source of love, be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts to God,

We lift up our hearts in adoration.

Give to God your praise,

With our lips we offer our thanksgiving, with our hearts we offer our love.

It is right... voices to give praise to you.

**We praise and honour you, holy God.
Heaven and earth are surely full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he whose supper we share this night,
And blessed are we - renewed to his life.
Hosanna in the highest**

When the time ... the mystery of our faith.

In remembrance, we mourn Jesus' death;

In remembrance, we look to the Day of Resurrection;

In remembrance, we wait his return to us.

Bless, O God.... One God forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Breaking the Bread, Filling the Cup
Sharing the Bread and Cup**

Prayer After Communion:

Thank you, Holy God, for the life in the Spirit of Jesus, for the community found in the bread and cup, for the love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have given to us.

Make a home in our hearts for the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbours, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WE REMEMBER THE GARDEN OF PRAYER

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:39-53

Hymn: #133 Go to Dark Gethsemane

(as we sing – the chancel will be undressed)

*Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away: learn from him to watch and pray.*

*See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
see him meekly bearing all; love to all his soul sustained.
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from Christ to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain view; there the Lord of glory see,
made a sacrifice for you, dying on the accursed tree.
"It is finished," hear him cry: trust in Christ and learn to die.*

Prayer

Blessing and Sending Forth

Song for Strength: #90 (MV) *Don't Be Afraid*

*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
My love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
And I have promised, promised to be always here.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Good Friday, April 15th @ 10:00am - **Topsail United Church**

Good Friday, April 15, 12 noon - **Gower Street United Church** *The Very Rev. Dr. Marion Parady, Ms. Kim Kelly, Sister Elizabeth Davis, The Rev. Robert Cooke, The Rev. Joanne Mercer, The Rev. Scott Parsons, The Rev. Miriam Bowby*

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16, 7:30pm - **St. James United Church** *Preacher Rev. Oliver Dingwell*

Easter Sunday, April 15th @ 10:30am - **Topsail United Church**