

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Ministers:	The Congregation
Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
Organist:	Beth Cranston
Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
Choir:	Mixed Choir

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
March 25th, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

In the Cross of Christ I glory
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime

INTROIT: "O Come And Mourn With Me" (VU136)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: It is hard to walk with Jesus today.

All: It is frightening to see our friend and teacher arrested.

One: It is confusing to see Jesus bound and beaten.

All: It is overwhelming to see the hatred and anger that people have for this man we love and trust.

One: It is time for us to trust that God is at work within this devastating situation.

All: Jesus we are walking with you today.

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(The Cross is carried into the Sanctuary)

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT
(A moment of silence is kept)

OPENING HYMN: #149 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (in unison)

God of life and death, you have called us to this day of crucifixion yet again; a story we would avoid, a betrayal we would forget, a journey we would sooner not take. Yet we have come to learn again what love means. Stay with us as we stay with you by the cross. Amen.

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PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53

HYMN: #133 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

"SOUNDS AROUND THE CROSS"

INTRODUCTION:

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 3-5 *David Rowsell*

MEDITATION: "Clink of the Coins"

ANTHEM: "On the Cross Have Mercy"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 24-26 *Cle Callan*

MEDITATION: "Dripping Water"

HYMN: #135 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 27-31 *Derrick Tuffin*

MEDITATION: "Swish of the Reed"

ANTHEM: "Like A Lamb"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 32-36 *Ruth Jesseau*

MEDITATION: "Pounding of the Hammer"

HYMN: #671 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 45-51 *Doreen Cave*

MEDITATION: "Tearing of Cloth"

ANTHEM: "How Beautiful"

SCRIPTURE: John 19: 28-30 *Heather Cronhelm*

MEDITATION: "Sound of Silence"

HYMN: #142 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

POEM: "One Solitary Life"

BENEDICTION: "Were you there"

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

(When "***Were You There***" is finished, the worship is complete. When you feel ready please leave quietly and may you be filled with the love of Christ until we gather again in the joy of **Easter**.)