

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

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
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<b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
<b>Choir:</b>	<b>Mixed Choir</b>

**GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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"

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

**MEDITATION:** "Dripping Water"

**HYMN:** #135 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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

**MEDITATION:** "Swish of the Reed"

**ANTHEM:** "Like A Lamb"

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

**MEDITATION:** "Pounding of the Hammer"

**HYMN:** #671 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

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

**MEDITATION:** "Tearing of Cloth"

**ANTHEM:** "How Beautiful"

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

**MEDITATION:** "Sound of Silence"

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

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**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**.)