

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
“The Church by the Side of the Road”

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GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

April 14th, 2017 - 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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

INTROIT: “O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile” (VU136, v. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

All: The love of Jesus refused compromised with the powerful.

One: Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

All: The love of Jesus took the tough but faithful road.

One: Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

All: The love of Jesus struggled with the easy way out.

One: Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

All: The love of Jesus endured the rejection of his friends.

One: It is the love of Jesus that calls us here. And now let us journey
with Jesus to the cross.

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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"

POEM: "The Trouble Maker"

ANTHEM: "Like A Lamb"

"AND PILATE ASKED"

A Good Friday devotional based on the book by W.A. Poovey: [And Pilate Asked Reflections upon the exchange between Jesus and Pilate.](#)

QUESTION ONE

"What Have You Done?"

READING: John 18: 33-35 Derrick Tuffin

MEDITATION:

HYMN: #135 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

QUESTION TWO

"Have you no answer to make?"

READING: Mark 15: 1-5 David Rowsell

MEDITATION:

ANTHEM: "Lenten Carol"

QUESTION THREE

“What is truth?”

READING: John 18: 36-38 Noel Brissard

MEDITATION:

HYMN: #142 “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

QUESTION FOUR

“Where are you from?”

READING: John 19: 1-9 Sarah Bugdell

MEDITATION:

ANTHEM: “How Deep The Father’s Love for Us”

QUESTION FIVE

“Do you know that I have the power to release you?”

READING: John 19: 10 -11 Gillian Corbett

MEDITATION:

HYMN: #145 “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

PILATE’S RESPONSE

SOLO: “Take Up Your Cross”

READING: John 19: 12 – 22

MEDITATION:

CHORAL 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.**)