

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
**St Paul's United Church, Milton ON**  
*Friday March 30, 10:30am*

Welcome to our Good Friday service. Good Friday is the day we remember how Jesus Christ was crucified in Jerusalem. He was betrayed by one of his own disciples, accused by the religious leaders, condemned by the political authorities and forsaken by the crowds. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be a decisive turning point. The apostle Paul considered it to be "of first importance" that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, all in accordance with what God had promised all along in the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3). The cross of Christ is where we see the convergence of great suffering and God's forgiveness. It is where divine mercy and wholeness reveal worldly injustice and brokenness.

## **Gathering**

### **Welcome and Words of Introduction**

#### **Call To Worship**

One: As a people who have been called to live in the light, we have come here on a day that is different.

**All: In the midst of the world  
which holds the promise of spring and new life,  
we have come to remember a story of betrayal  
and execution,  
a story of fear leading to injustice,  
deep darkness and death.**

One: This is the story of how Love is crucified

#### **Opening Prayer** *(all)*

**God of Light, God of Shadow,  
in our time together today,  
keep us aware of your presence in the darkness,  
help us to see meaning in this terrible story,  
and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts.**



**Good Friday**

**March 30, 2018**

**10:30am**

St Paul's United Church  
123 Main St E Milton

This we pray in the name of the man from Nazareth,  
the one who lived with a great Passion for your Way,  
the one whose cross we dare not forget,  
whose death reveals life for us. Amen.

\* VU 133 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

### Choir Cantata "Come Walk with Me"

*by Pepper Choplin*

**Narrator**

**Music** "Come Walk With Me"

**Narrator**

**Scripture Reference** Luke 19:38-40

**Music** "Blessed Is He Who Comes"

**Narrator**

**Scripture Reference** Luke 22:7-13

**Music** "Come Walk With Me  
To The Upper Room"

**Music** "The Upper Room"

**Narrator**

**Scripture Reference** Luke 22:42

**Music** "Crossroads at Gethsemane"

**Music** "Come Walk With Me to the Cross"

**Narrator**

**Scripture References** John 18:28-19:16

**Music** "Hanging on a Cross"

**Narrator**

**Scripture Reference** Luke 23:46

**Music** "Come Walk With Me, He Is Gone"

**Music** "No Greater Love"

### Prayers of the People

\* VU 144 "Were You There"

### Sending Forth

One: Were you there when they crucified my LORD?

**All: We were there.**

One: Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**All: We were there.**

One: Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

**All: We were there.**

One: Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

**All: We were there.**

One: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**All: We were there.**

One: Each time, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

**All: We were there.**

*We depart in silence*

*A freewill offering is being received today and can be placed in the offering plates at the Sanctuary doors.*

*Thanks to the members of the Choir of St. Paul's United Church for their leadership in today's service. Thank you especially to:*

***soloists** Sherry Cameron, Karen Davidson, Linda Edgar,*

*Don Clements, Lorne Greenwood,*

***instrumentalists** Dawn Brodie (piano), June Kim (violin),*

*Judy Hunter (cello),*

***Narrator** Karen Tyrer, **Visuals** Sandra Shore, **Sound** Brent Tyrer*

*and to **Choir Director** Don Cassano*



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## Upcoming Worship

### April 1 - Easter Sunday

Easter Sunshine Service on the lawn at 9:00am

Easter Service in the sanctuary at 10:30am

*Special music from the St Paul's Brass Ensemble*

### Sunday April 8

The Annex in the main level hall at 9:45am

*Sunday School for kids during The Annex*

Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am

**Check out our website for information & updates:**

[stpaulsmilton.com](http://stpaulsmilton.com)

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#### **Rev. Dr. Skinner's Office Hours:**

Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm; Wednesday 1:00-3:00pm, 5:30-7:30pm

Friday 10:00am-1:00pm

For emergency pastoral care: 905.878.8895 ext 24

#### **Main Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm, closed noon to 1:00pm for lunch

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm

Office closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday

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