

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 2, 2021

Acknowledgement: Credit is given to **Paul Dillman**, Riverside U.C., Ottawa, Ont.
whose article in *Gathering L/E* 2015 (pg. 71-72) titled "What is Good About Good
Friday" inspired this service.

Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

MUSICAL PRELUDE/INTROIT: "Shadows Gather" VU 134

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME: from Hebrews 10

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says
the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their
minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless
deeds no more."

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather to worship.

Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross, the king
of kings is crowned with thorns and wears the purple robe of
mockery. Today we are set free, he is imprisoned on a tree. Today
is God's Friday. We gather to worship.

**CENTERING PRAYER: Good Friday God, this Friday seems
"good" for all the wrong reasons. Be with us as we gather in the
shadow of the cross. |Look graciously on your people for whom
Jesus died. Grant us your presence this day that we might be with
him, through death to resurrection. We pray in the name of our
crucified Saviour. Amen**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" VU 133 verse 1

John 18:1-24

Sad Friday

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" verse 2

John 18:25-19:16

Ignored Friday

John 19:17-30

Forsaken Friday

"Go To Dark Gethsemane" verse 3

John 19:31-42

Difficult Friday

"Were You There" VU 144 verses 1&5

Good Friday

Preparation for Prayer: VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN: "The Love that Clothes Itself in Light" VU
137 (v 3,4,5)**

BLESSING

Members of the gathered church, ...
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
will be with you now and always.

You do not go alone

*(Continue to sit, contemplate, pray as long as you like and leave the
church in silence)*