

GOOD FRIDAY



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WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 3, 2026 AT 10:30 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Christ Be With Me"

Arndt
Sanctuary Choir

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

No. 145 "O Sacred Head"

Passion Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP *PLEASE STAND*

Minister: We gather here in mourning, beneath the cross of Jesus, where our Lord hangs scorned, forsaken, and slain.

All: He cried in the daytime and was not heard; in the night season, he was not silent.

Minister: We gather in contrition, for our sins did slay him, and our wrongs did render him betrayed.

All: Yet he prayed of the Father, "forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Minister: We gather in gratitude, for Christ is become our sin offering, fulfilling the righteous requirement of the law.

All: Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

Minister: We gather in worship, for he has redeemed us to God by his blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.

All: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *IN UNISON*

Heavenly Father, we have forsaken your Son in thought, and word, and deed. We have sold him for pieces of silver. We have denied him for the sake of our reputation. We have abandoned him for fear of repercussion. We have betrayed him with a kiss. Hear the cry of your Son, O God, and forgive us. Teach us to know what we do, so that we might repent, turn from our sins, and live in your grace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE *IN UNISON*

**Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

No. 152 v. 2

Horsley

We may not know, we cannot tell,
 what pains he had to bear;
 but we believe it was for us
 he hung and suffered there.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Wounded Healer"

Arndt

A suffering God, our wounded healer
 Lonely there upon the cross
 Crowned with thorns, now crowned with glory
 Reigning at the Father's side
 Now once despised, now once rejected
 Lamb of God, our sacrifice
 You came and died for our forgiveness
 Rose again to bring life
 Hosanna wounded deep for our transgressions
 Bruised for our iniquities
 You brought a peace and bought our healing
 Now eternally we sing
 Now eternally we sing
 Hosanna in the highest hosanna in the highest

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:32-43

Joanne Leatch

32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN PLEASE STAND

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The love of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

SERMON

"Jesus and the Other Criminals"

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We invite you to come forward to the cross and place the nail you have been given into the bucket at the foot of the cross. This symbolizes the forgiveness of your sins through the crucifixion.

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Minister: Lord have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven**

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Were You There"

Quigley

Sanctuary Choir

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Arr. Arndt

How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

BENEDICTION

THIRTY-THREE CHIMES

(Please remain seated during the playing of the chimes then leave the service in silence)

Holy Week at TEMC

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Neighbourhood Cross Walk, begins at Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and ends with a service at TEMC at 1:40 PM

Saturday, April 4: Holy Saturday

- 10:00 PM Holy Saturday Vigil (If you plan to come to this service, please contact joanneleatch@temc.ca)

Sunday, April 5: Easter – Festival of Flowers

- 9:15 & 11:00 AM – Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching: “Thundersnow” from Matthew 28:1-10





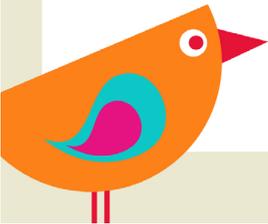
EASTER DINNER

On Monday, April 6, we'll be feeding the masses yet again with our community Easter Dinner in the Flora McCrea Auditorium.

Come and join us for a delicious roast beef dinner, complete with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salads, drinks, and dessert. Vegan and gluten free options are available upon request, so nobody needs to go hungry. Celebrate Easter with a fantastic festive feast as we break bread with our wider community.

There is no admission fee, but you can donate by cash, card, or cheque, to help us keep these events going.

Meals will be served at 12:00, 2:30, and 5:00. Register at temc.ca and choose your mealtime, so we can make sure that every mouth gets fed.



How can you help? We need volunteers to serve food, greet guests, clear tables, etc. We're using SignUp.com to organize our volunteers. Volunteer by scanning the QR Code.

Want to help but not available that day? No problem. You can make a donation at temc.ca/donate (specify "Easter Dinner").



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