

# **Welcome to St. Margaret in-the-Pines**



**Good Friday**  
**Family Journey**  
**Stations of the Cross**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**10:00 am**

## **Welcome**

**Gathering Song:** (to the tune of Jesus We Adore You)

Jesus, let me walk with you,  
Jesus let me die with you, let me rise with you.

**Presider:** Jesus loves all people so much,

**People:** **He loved us even to the cross!**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Presider:** God of life,  
Be with us as we walk the way of the cross. Help us to  
discover that it is the way of life. As we make this  
journey, may you always be present in our hearts, each  
and every day. Amen.

## **First Station: The Upper Room**

### **Washing of the Feet**

#### **Reading:**

When Jesus had finished dinner with his friends, he got up from the table, took a pitcher of water and a basin and washed their feet. He dried their feet with a towel. When he finished, he said to them: "As I have done this for you, you also must do this for others. Love one another as I have loved you."

**ACTIVITY:** Washing feet (or hands)

**Presider:** God of love, Jesus washed his friends' feet as a sign of his friendship with them. He told them to do for others what he had done for them. Help us to follow his example as we love and care for others in his name.

**All:** **Amen.**

## **Second Station: The Last Supper**

### **Reading:**

Jesus sat down at the table with his disciples and asked them to remember him. Then he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them and said, "This is my body; do this in remembrance of me." He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "This is my blood; do this in remembrance of me." The disciples ate and drank with Jesus. Then they sang a hymn and went out to the garden to pray.

### **ACTIVITY: Breaking and Sharing Bread**

**Presider:** Loving God, at the last supper, your son Jesus left us a special meal of bread and wine in which we share our memory of him. As we journey from the table to the cross, may we be nourished by his generous love, and in turn share it with all who hunger for love and thirst for justice. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our friend.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Song:** Jesus, let me walk with you  
Jesus, let me die with you  
Let me rise with you

*Please move quietly to the next station, following the cross.*

## **Third Station: Garden of Gethsemane**

### **Reading:**

Jesus and his friends went to the garden at Gethsemane to pray. Peter, James and John fell asleep while Jesus was praying, which made Jesus very sad. Jesus prayed seriously to God because he knew the suffering would be hard. At the end of his prayer, he said;" Abba , Father, if it is not possible to avoid the suffering, your will be done. "

### **ACTIVITY:** Writing Prayers

**Presider :** Let us pray,  
Father, on the night before his death, your son Jesus, went to the garden and spoke to you in prayer. He asked others to pray with him, and he asked for your help. As we see Jesus in prayer, may we be reminded to pray each day: to listen for your voice, and to share our hearts with you. In Jesus' name we pray.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Song:** Jesus, let me walk with you  
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## **Fourth Station: The Praetorium**

### **Reading:**

Early in the morning the religious leaders took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, because they were angry with Jesus, and wanted to get rid of him. Even though he knew Jesus hadn't done anything wrong, Pilate did what they asked of him: he allowed Jesus to be crucified. The soldiers put a crown of thorns on his head and gave him a cross to carry.

### **ACTIVITY:** Dramatic Reading

**Narrator:** Jesus stood before the governor. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

**People:** **Barabbas! Barabbas! Barabbas!**

**Pilate:** Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

**People:** **Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified!**  
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**Pilate:** Why, what evil has he done?

**People:** **Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified!**

*(Barabbas is released by Pilate and the soldiers and returns to the crowd.)*

**Narrator:** So he released Barabbas for them and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus... and they gathered the whole cohort around him.

*(The cloak and crown are put on Jesus and the reed is put in his hand)*

They stripped him and put a purple robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him saying,

**People:** (led by Pilate)

**Hail, King of the Jews! Hail, King of the Jews! Hail, King of the Jews!**

**Narrator:** They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*(The crown, cloak, and reed are taken from Jesus.)*

**Prayer:** Let us pray,

**Gracious God, your Son Jesus was falsely accused and unjustly condemned to die. And no one stood up to speak for Him. Jesus chose to face all the world's lies and injustice give us God's truth and love. May we now walk with Him so may come to know His truth and His love. Amen.**

**Song:** Jesus, let me walk with you,  
Jesus let me die with you, let me rise with you.

*Please move quietly to the next station, following the cross.*

## **Fifth Station: Jesus Carries His Cross**

**Reading:** After being condemned to die, Jesus was forced to carry His cross through the streets of Jerusalem and up a hill to the place they called “Golgotha”. Jesus carried this cross so that we might be freed to live a new life without sin.

**ACTIVITY:** Making a cross

**Presider:** Let us pray,

**Gracious God, your Son Jesus was given a cross to carry and a journey to make. That journey led to his death upon a cross. May these crosses be a reminder to us of his death, which will bring us to new life. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord.**

**All:** Amen.

**Song:** Jesus, let me walk with you,  
Jesus let me die with you, let me rise with you.

## **Sixth Station: On the Road**

### **Reading:**

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

**ACTIVITY:**      Carry the cross

**Presider:**      Let us pray,  
Jesus, you carried the cross for us when we would not.  
It was so heavy. Thank-you that you allowed Simon to  
walk with you and help you carry your cross. May we  
also be given the courage and strength to walk with  
you. In your name,

**All:**              **Amen.**

**Song:** Jesus, let me walk with you  
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## **Seventh Station: Golgotha**

### **Reading:**

When they arrived at the hill named Golgotha, the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. They also nailed two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus.

**ACTIVITY:** Children will lift the cross into the holder

### ***SILENCE***

### **Song: Were you There**

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?

Psalter Hymnal (Gray), 1987

### **Presider:**

Let us pray, Eternal God, as we recall the death of Jesus, help us to understand that his death brought all people closer to you. At times of death remind us to share our sorrow with you, and to seek your comfort. We pray in Jesus' name.

**All:                   Amen.**

*Please move quietly to the next station, following the cross.*

## **Eighth Station: The Tomb**

### **Reading:**

There was a man from Judea, named Joseph who was faithful to God. He went and asked to bury the body of Jesus. He took Jesus' body, wrapped it in a linen cloth and put it in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. It was Friday.

### **ACTIVITY:** Preparing the Icon for Burial

**Presider:** Let us pray,  
God of hope, your Son Jesus died on a cross and his  
body was placed in a tomb. We know you are with us  
always, even when all seems lost. Help us in our lives to  
see that even though something may end, a new  
beginning is possible. We pray in the name of Jesus,  
who promised to be always near.

**All:** **Amen.**

***After the service, please join us downstairs in Auditorium  
for hot cross buns.***



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#### **PARISH PURPOSE**

We are a united and renewed Christian community where each is respected, and all are encouraged to lovingly share their gifts, both with one another and with the larger world in which we serve. The community centres itself on biblical teaching, prayer and the ministry of healing. It stresses lay involvement and the family, and open communication.