



The heart in the heart of Huntsville

GOOD FRIDAY

Wandering Heart:
*"Prone to leave
the God I love"*

JOHN 18:15-27 |
Peter denies knowing Jesus

Find the word "no" in as
many places as you can in
your home.



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Welcome to Trinity
Good Friday Service
March 29th — 10 am

"Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands."

"Walking to the Cross"

"Holy Week is a journey of love and hatred, loyalty and betrayal, life and death. Just like real life."

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE TO MAKE
OUR WAY TO THE CROSS**

Prelude: *Kung-A Lee*

Greeting: May the peace of our crucified and risen Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome.

Now, let us open ourselves to the deep feelings and sadness of this day as we walk to the foot of the Cross together.

A Call to Walk

One: It is hard to walk with Jesus today.

All: It's frightening to see our friend and teacher arrested.

One: It's confusing to see Jesus bound and beaten. Powerful leaders jeer at him; soldiers mock him.

All: It is overwhelming to see the hatred and the anger people have for this man we love and trust.

One: It's time for us to trust that God is at work within this devastating and despicable moment in history.

All: Jesus, we are walking with you today... to the foot of the cross and beyond. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (VU 135)*

Opening Prayer

We walk toward the cross today not knowing why we are here; not even wanting to be here. Yet here we are. We are moving toward the cross, trusting God's love and trusting that in our endings come new beginnings. We also trust that God walks with us through our times of darkness and suffering. For this we are truly grateful. May we, like Jesus, be courageous as we walk together on that dark and fateful day. Amen.

Choir Anthem: *"Remember Me"*

WALKING TO THE CROSS

One: As we listen to this ancient story once again, may we hear it with fresh ears.

Let us remember the depth of Jesus' love and his immeasurable courage as he died showing us all a better way to live our lives.

(We will remain seated and the hymns will not be announced so please follow along in your order of service.)

The First Step

Reader: Doug Hicks

Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 47-54 (Jesus is arrested.)

Second Hymn: *"As the Deer Pants for the Water" Psalm 42 (VU page 766)*

The Second Step

Reader: Judy White

Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 54-62

(Here's Peter up to his old tricks saying he doesn't know Jesus, just as Jesus had predicted.)

The Third Step

Reader: Sue Hicks

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 1-5 and 13-25

(Jesus goes before Pilate.)

Third Hymn: *"Stay With Us through the Night" (VU 182)*

The Fourth Step

Reader: Jane Booker

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 26-27 and 32-43

(Jesus is placed on the cross.)

Fourth Hymn: *"Were You There" (VU 144 - verses 1,2,3)*

The Fifth Step

Reader: Cathy Fairley

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 44-48 (Jesus dies.)

Fifth Hymn: *"Were you There?" (VU 144 - verses 4 and 5)*

Brief Meditation: *"Love above All Else"*

The Sixth Step

Invitation to the foot of the Cross

One: Now, you're all invited to come forward and place your nail at the foot of the cross. As you come, think about the horrible actions of that day. But also think about the horrible atrocities that continue to unfold in our world each and every day. How do **we** respond? How did Jesus respond? Jesus' path of love, grace and forgiveness is the healing prescription for our hurting world. It's the only way that leads to life, the only answer to the deadly plague of fear. As we lay our nails down, let us remember the ways we still crucify Jesus with our words and actions today. May we too hear Jesus' words of forgiveness and heed his desire for healing and restoration in the broken places in our own lives and in the world.

People come forward and place their nails at the cross ...

The placement of nails at the foot of the cross ...

A Poem called "Dying to Live" by John Van de Laar.

Reader: Sheila Petch

Closing Hymn: *"We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection"*
(VU 586)

Our Seventh and final step

One: We leave this space and time today recognizing the pain of death and the real brokenness in our world today. But we know goodness is stronger than evil and love is stronger than hate.

We know what looks like an ending ... is just a beginning.

Go now in peace, love and unstoppable courage!

Feel free to remain here in the sanctuary as long as you like for prayer and meditation.

As you leave the sanctuary, you are invited to leave in silence ...

You are invited to join us for our Joyous Easter morning celebration this Sunday at 10 am!

A time we celebrate that death does not have the final say- hope rises again!

Easter Egg hunt for the children!

Come and bring a friend!

Easter Blessings!
Rev. Diane

"May you see the face of Christ in all you meet.
And may all you meet see the face of Christ in you."

