

Good Friday

# Kingsway-Lambton United Church

11 am ☩ Friday, April 18, 2025



## Good Friday

The congregation is asked to stand at the “☩” symbol.

**Prelude:** *“Recordare”*

G. Verdi

Soloists: Camille Labonte and Rianna Robinson

**Introit:** *“There is a Green Hill Far Away”*

**Reading:** Psalm 22: 1-8

Rev. Don Gibson

### ☩ Call to Worship:

One: “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?”

Come, pause, for this is a day to remember:

**All: God’s act of inconceivable love for us and for all;**

**To receive God’s unconquerable life given for us and for all;**

**To know God’s undying faithfulness to us and to all,  
through Jesus Christ.**

One: We are invited to look upon the darkness.

**All: We are called to remember. This is a day we have made.**

**We will confess and see ourselves in it.**

One: We are called to look upon the light.

**All: This is “Good” Friday. The light shines in the darkness, the  
deepest darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

One: The events of this day are part of the self-giving history of God  
with us and for us; this is the history of the love more powerful  
than death.

**All: This is the history of our hope. The glory of God shines in the  
face of Jesus Christ. We are not forsaken. We are not alone.  
Let us worship God.**

### **Prayer:**

One: Gentle God mend our broken lives

**All: Restore, revive, repair**

One: Recreate us in your image.

**All: Renew your creation, hear us, heal us, grant us your peace. Amen.**

🌸 **Hymn:** VU 133 *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

Redhead No. 76

**Reading:** John 19: 8-16

Nathan Gritter

**Extinguish First Candle...Silence**

**Reading:** John 19: 17-22

Kate Mock

**Extinguish Second Candle...Silence**

🌸 **Hymn:** VU 136 *“O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile”*

St. Cross

**Dialogue:**

**Mocking Soldier:** Jesus, you call yourself a king! You need better robes then! And how about a crown?!

**Centurion:** Why do you not protest? I am a man under authority. I wield authority. I know authority. You have an authority I do not know.

**Mocking Soldier:** Hail King of the Jews! Hail anyone who thinks they're above the system! Do you think you're better than me! I spit on you. I spit on all of us. We're just dust and ashes. Welcome to my world. King of nothing!

**Centurion:** Who are you? Where is your throne? What strange reign is this?

**Mocking Soldier:** Enough with the royal robes! Back to your homespun rags. They're good enough for a dead man walking. Strip him of everything!

**Centurion:** No purple robe was ever as royal as your countenance. Who are you?

**Extinguish Third Candle...Silence**

🌸 **Hymn:** VU 149 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

Rockingham

**Litany of Nails**

**ALL:** God of passionate and vulnerable love, whose body, broken on the Cross rebukes us still:

Save us, hold us, and forgive us, that you as victor and victim might lead us from death to life; through Jesus, the Crucified. Amen.

*(as an act of confession, you are invited to bring forward nails to leave at the foot of the cross)*

**Chancel Choir:** *“Jesus, Remember Me”* VU 148

Kyrie (Chancel Choir)

Extinguish Fourth Candle...Silence

Reading: John 19: 25-30

Pein-Pein Huang

Extinguish Fifth Candle...Silence

Reflection: *"What's So Good About Good Friday?"*

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Reading: John 19: 31-37

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Extinguish Sixth Candle...Silence

Anthem: *"Ave Verum Corpus"*

William Byrd

Reading: John 19: 38-42

William Salinas-Crosby

*"The Strepitus" (a loud noise symbolizing the tomb's closing)*

Extinguish Seventh Candle...Silence

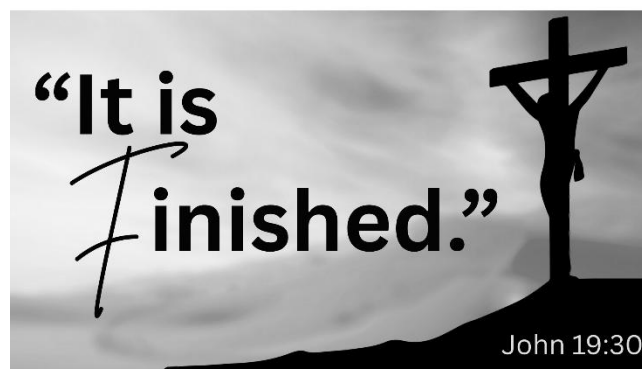
☼ Hymn: VU 144 *"Were You There"*

Were You There

Soloist: first verses ~ Choir and Congregation: verse 5

Draping of the Communion Table

*Please depart from the Sanctuary in Silence*



**Music Director**  
Nathan Gritter

**Coordinating Minister**  
Rev. Don Gibson

**Organist**  
Paul Wisniewski