

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

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Organist: Paul Suchan

March 29th, 2023

Good Friday

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" – Psalm 22: 1a

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



Prelude: Herzlich thut mich verlangen – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

- Laura Van Loon

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"O sacred head, sore wounded"

#239

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

God of love and mercy,

you sent Jesus into the world

so that we might have life and have it abundantly.

Yet our lives are often less than you hope for.

We have filled the world with violence and terror

because we do not trust the way of compassion and service.

In the face of uncertainty and trouble,

we give up on you and one another.

We do not trust the power of your love.

**Lord, have mercy upon us
for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Praise: *"Were you there when they crucified my Lord"* **#233**
WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

- Laura Van Loon

Psalm 22 Refrain 2

Hebrews 10: 16-25

Mark 15: 21-41

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem: My God, My God – Timothy R. Smith

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: *"Oh come and mourn with me awhile"* **#237**

Benediction

A-men, a-men, a- - - men

The congregation is invited to depart in silence.





Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday

Written by the Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convener)

One: Jesus took the towel, poured water into a basin and washed the feet of his disciples.
Then Jesus said to them, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

All: **Thank you, Lord Jesus, for showing us how to love and serve one another.**

One: "But God proves his love for us that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."

(Romans 5:8)

All: **Thank you, Lord Jesus, for suffering and dying on the cross for us and our salvation.**



John Transforms His Farming



In Ghana, PWS&D supports the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation program, where people with disabilities learn important life and vocational skills through agriculture.

John Avoka, a 41-year-old resident of the Kugzua community, learned enhanced agricultural techniques and accessed high-quality seeds for vegetable production.

With great enthusiasm, he expresses, "Thanks to the program's training and provision of seeds, I am now capable of producing sufficient food to sustain myself and my family. Previously, the challenges posed by climate change made it difficult to achieve adequate food production."

The program has helped John develop the skills, knowledge and resources necessary for effective farming. With access to quality seeds, he has cultivated vegetable and fruit crops, ensuring a steady food supply in spite of adverse climate conditions.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to help provide marginalized men and women with the skills and confidence they need to provide a better life for themselves.

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