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GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 2018

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (A time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (All who are able are invited to stand)

The Greeting and Bible Sentence:

M. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

Hymn: 238

Prayer for Pardon (in unison):

O God, whose mercy is more than our minds can measure, we admit that our love for you is, as the prophet exclaimed, "like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away." Though you keep your covenant with us, we do not always honour the covenant that we have made with you. We betray you as Judas did, we deny you as Peter did, we are offended by your teachings as the Pharisees were, we turn against you as the crowd did, and we take the way that best serves our own needs as Pilate did. Looking on you whom we have pierced, we confess our sins with deep sorrow; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

All (sung): Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Grace:

M. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C. This is what love is – It is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.

All: Grant that, as we recall the passion of Jesus, we may learn of him to forgive, learn with him to suffer, and learn in him to overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:13–53:12 (p.643)

Psalm 22:1–26 (read responsively)

Anthem: I come to the cross

B. Batstone/B. Somma

The Epistle: Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 (p.194)

THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Hymn: 237 (unannounced)

Luke 23:32–38 (p.77) "Father, forgive them ..."

Hymn: insert: vs. 1-3 (all seated)

Luke 23:39–43 (p.77) "...today you will be with me in Paradise"

Hymn: insert: vs. 4-6 (all seated)

John 19:25–27 (p.100) "Woman, your Son; Son, your Mother"

Hymn: insert: vs. 7-9 (all seated)

Matthew 27:45–50 (p.28) "My God, My God, Why ...?"

Hymn: insert: vs. 10–12 (all standing)

John 19:28–29 (p.100) "I Thirst"

Hymn: insert: vs.13-15 (all seated)

John 19:30 (p.109) "It is Finished"

Living Faith: 3.4.3 (p.11)

Hymn: insert: vs. 16-18 (all seated)

Luke 23:44–49 (p.77) "Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit"

Hymn: insert: vs. 19-21 (all standing)

The Offertory Hymn: Jesus Keep me Near the Cross (on insert) (all seated)

Prayer: **M.** Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (hymn book 831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 231 (unannounced)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen & Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Greeting Elder: Alex Bruce

Usher: Margaret Stuart

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Readers: Alex Bruce, Margaret Stuart, Janet Holden

Audio: Jean St-Pierre

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all – a healing stream – flows from Calvary's mountain.

Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star shed its beams around me *Chorus*

Near the cross! O lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *Chorus*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Chorus*