

*Good Friday:
Into the depths*



‘Suffering Christ’ – the wooden statue placed on the communion table is provided by Bethel members, who brought it with them from Lithuania. The carving symbolically represents the suffering of the people when during 1940-91 the Soviet Union arrested, tortured and sent thousands of people to the Gulag, never to be heard from again.

April 2, 2021

Bethel
Mennonite
Church

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Prelude

Words of Orientation

Praying

Hymn *To Leave the Stones Unthrown (VT 580)*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 50:4-10

Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (VT 325)*

“bled dreams at holy week” - by Patrick Friesen (*see insert*)

Scripture Reading John 18:33-19:19

Into the Depths

Hymn *Gentle God, When We Are Driven (VT 150)*

Benediction

Postlude

VT – Voices Together (purple)

We affirm that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Recognizing that we are all treaty people, with gratitude we acknowledge our gathering on Treaty #1 land and the traditional homeland of the Metis Nation. Imitating the inclusive welcome of Jesus, we seek to be a community marked by the love of God. Regardless of age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we invite you to make Bethel your spiritual home. Sharing the peace of Christ, together we strive to reveal the realm of God in the world.

Gentle God, When We Are Driven (VT 150)

Verse 1:

Gentle God, when we are driven past the limits of our love,
when our hurt would have a weapon and the hawk destroy the dove,
at the cost of seeming weak, help us turn the other cheek.

Verse 2:

Gentle Spirit, when our reason clouds in anger, twists in fear,
when we strike instead of soothing, when we bruise and sting and smear,
cool our burning, take our pain, bring us to ourselves again.

Verse 3:

In the mirror of earth's madness let us see our ravaged face,
in the turmoil of all people let compassion find a place,
touch our hearts to make amends, see our enemies as friends.

Verse 4:

Let our strength be in forgiving as forgiven we must be,
one to one in costly loving, finding trust and growing free,
gentle God, be our release, gentle Spirit, teach us peace.

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**Bethel's Easter Sunday worship service
will be live-streamed,
on April 4, at 10:00 am.**

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Loving God, each other, and our neighbours.