

Music for Meditation: Martin Bonham & Robert Holliston

Cantillation by George Perle

Prelude to Cello Suite No. 2 by J.S. Bach

Andante Expressivo by F. de La Tombelle

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Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement:

Rev. Greg Powell

Lighting the Christ Candle

Rev. Sarah Fanning

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God of grief and of suffering,

**Be with us in these hours**

**as we gather in the shadow of the cross of Christ  
and hear again the story of death  
and the sounds of burial.**

Be with us, though this is not where we would choose to  
be: brought face to face with this symbol of death  
and instrument of torture.

**Be with us, though we have sought to avoid such  
times: where we have ignored the cross  
or denied our own pain, or turned our backs  
on the sufferings of others.**

You know the ways of the world, O God:

you have been there; you are here;

you have loved and cried and lived and died

to be with us, to comfort us,

to forgive us and to free us.

**For this we give thanks.**

**This we call 'good.' Amen.**

Hymn: VU 136 O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

Entering the Passion Story

Choir Anthem: *Were you There* Arr. John Leavitt

Matthew 26:1–35

~ VU 411 ~

♪ **O God we call, O God we call  
From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn for you**

Matthew 26:36–56

♪ **O God we call, O God we call  
From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn for you**

Matthew 26:57–75

♪ **O God we call, O God we call  
From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn for you**

Matthew 27:1–26

♪ **O God we call, O God we call  
From deep inside we yearn,  
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Matthew 27:27–56

*Ave Verum Corpus* by W.A. Mozart

Matthew 27:57–66

*Vocalise* S. Rachmaninoff

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: MV 78 God Weeps

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ Words: Barbara Fuman, Music: David Angerman ~

♪ **Here in the shadow of the cross,  
We remember love; we remember love.  
Here, in the shadow of the cross we remember hope;  
We remember hope, we remember hope.  
Here in the shadow of the cross,  
we remember grace, we remember grace.  
Go in peace and remember.**

*Please depart in silence.*

**James Bay United Church**  
*with*  
**Oak Bay United Church**

*Following in the way of Jesus  
on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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