**March 29, 2024 – Good Friday – Email/At Home Missal**

**ZOOM INFORMATION FOR MARCH 29, 2024 GOOD FRIDAY**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 09.30 am on March 29, 2024, can be found here:**

**Worship March 29, 2024 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 am.**

**Join Zoom Meeting click here:**

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**Announcements: Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

1. **Mar. 31 Easter Breakfast** *(see below for further details)*
2. **Apr. 3 Weekly Bible Study** *(see below for further details)*

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1. Apr. 5-7 Bishop’s spiritual Retreat for Lay Persons *(see below for further details)*

**Apr. 11 Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth** *(see below for further details)*

Apr. 16 Public Lecture– *(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of March 24 – March 31, 2024**

1. **Monday** 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
2. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
3. **Wednesday 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study *(Art Room)***
4. **7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
5. **Thursday 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship**
6. **Friday**  **10:00 am Good Friday Worship**
7. **Saturday**

**Sunday**  **8:30 – 9:45 am Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

 **10:00 am Worship Service** – A passage from **Mark 16:1-8** *(Resurrection, empty tomb, and*

 *fleeing in fear)*

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**Pastoral Visit: Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.**

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1. **Prayer List: Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Carol.**

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1. **Weekly Bible Study** **- Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Art Room. Everyone is welcome!**

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1. **“Praying the Catechism” – A season of intentional prayer for Lent & Easter - Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom from February 21 to May 15. Join Pastor Laura on zoom each Wednesday for prayer, conversation and mutual support as we work our way through “Praying the Catechism” this Lenten and Easter seasons.**

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1. **Choir Practice is cancelled on Saturday March 30, 2024.**

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1. **It's Maple Syrup Time at St. Peter's. The Maple Syrup we supply is from a local 5th generation farm, producing Maple Syrup for over 100 years. Since 2018 all of our Maple Syrup is "Certified Organic."**
2. **"It's truly the best Maple Syrup I have ever tasted." Pastor Monika 1 litre Mason Jars are $24.00.**
3. **Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order Maple Syrup.**

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GREENHORIZONS BIGYELLOWBAG - GIVE & GROW PROGRAM - This fundraiser is open to all and enables each one of us to raise funds for St. Peters.  If you don’t have a lawn or garden, not a problem, you can still help by spreading the word to your neighbours, friends and relatives.  Each time that an order is placed at Greenhorizons Sod at 855-424-4224 for a BigYellowBag of soil using the code STPETERS24, you will save $5.00, and the church will receive $10.00. Spread the word, and the soil!**

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1. **We need you to help feed our neighbourhood!** The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email rosemary@freedomcentre.ca.

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1. Move with Robert(Free Exercise Class Mondays 1 – 2 pm, YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)

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**Please join together on Sunday March 31, 2024, 8:30 – 9:45am for Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

**There is a sign-up list in the Narthex for contribution to the breakfast.**

**Community Event - “Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth” - Thursday, April 11 7:00-8:30PM at St Peter’s (810 King St E). Praying with the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. Join us to learn more about this practice from a Christian perspective. The evening will include:**

* **A short teaching**
* **The opportunity to walk a labyrinth using your feet or finger**
* **Make and take your own finger labyrinth**

**There is no cost to attend this workshop but we appreciate pre-registration if possible to ensure we have enough supplies. Call 519-653-4721. All are welcome! Please note, we are semi-accessible (chair lift).**

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1. April 16, 2024 Public Lecture – The Gospel of Peace (John Dear – Priest/Peace Activist/Author; Nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. – No Charge (donations welcome); copies of ‘The Gospel of Peace’ will be available $25 (cash). All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway N. Guelph.

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1. Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, August 11 to 23, 2024. Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc)

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1. **A special thank you to Gregory Stroh for his musical accompaniment playing the flute during worship today!**

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**Presiding Pastor: Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Helga Morrison**

**Reader: Bonnie Berg**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Words:**

P: All you who pass this way

***C: Look and see, the shadow of sin***

P: All you who pass this way

***C: Look and see the weight of the world***

P: All you who pass this way

***C: Look and see, the suffering of our Savior.***

P: All you who pass this way

***C: Look and see, the sorrow of Jesus Christ***

P: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

*Written by Erica L. Schemper,* [*https://youngclergywomen.org/good-friday-a-s/*](https://youngclergywomen.org/good-friday-a-s/)

**Gathering Hymn: ELW # 347 ‘Go to Dark Gethsemane’**

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,

 all who feel the tempter's pow'r;

 your Redeemer's conflict see.

 Watch with him one bitter hour;

 turn not from his griefs away;

 learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,

 view the Lord of life arraigned;

 oh, the wormwood and the gall!

 Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!

 Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;

 learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;

 there, adoring at his feet,

 mark that miracle of time,

 God's own sacrifice complete.

 "It is finished!" hear him cry;

 learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb,

 where they laid his breathless clay;

 all is solitude and gloom.

 Who has taken him away?

 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.

 Savior, teach us so to rise.

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**SHADOW OF CONDEMNATION**

**Reading: Mark 15:16-20**

The soldiers led Jesus away into the courtyard of the palace known as the governor’s headquarters, and they called together the whole company of soldiers. They dressed him up in a purple robe and twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on him. They saluted him, “Hey! King of the Jews!” Again and again, they struck his head with a stick. They spit on him and knelt before him to honor him. When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. *(CEB)*

*(Silence)*

P: Let us pray,

***C: Forgiving Christ, when the world condemns us, when wrong is done to us, when we carry the weight of things that are too much to forgive, come along side us in the darkness, and give us the grace to be forgiven and forgiving.***

**Music: Gregory Stroh – flute solo**

**SHADOW OF SEPARATION**

**Reading: Mark 15:21-24**

Simon, a man from Cyrene, Alexander and Rufus’ father, was coming in from the countryside. They forced him to carry his cross.

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place. They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he didn’t take it. They crucified him. They divided up his clothes, drawing lots for them to determine who would take what. *(CEB)*

*(Silence)*

P: Let us pray,

***C: Reconciling Christ, we are weighed down by sin and separation, a world that is not at peace, people who are not whole. Come alongside us in the darkness, and bring grace and peace to everything that is broken.***

**Hymn: ELW # 325 ‘I Want Jesus to Walk with Me’**

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;

 I want Jesus to walk with me;

 all along my pilgrim journey,

 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;

 in my trials, Lord, walk with me;

 when my heart is almost breaking,

 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

 when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

 when my head is bowed in sorrow,

 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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**Shadow of Suffering**

**Reading: Mark 15:25-32**

It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The notice of the formal charge against him was written, “The king of the Jews.” They crucified two outlaws with him, one on his right and one on his left.

People walking by insulted him, shaking their heads and saying, “Ha! So you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, were you? Save yourself and come down from that cross!”

In the same way, the chief priests were making fun of him among themselves, together with the legal experts. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross. Then we’ll see and believe.” Even those who had been crucified with Jesus insulted him. (CEB)

(Silence)

P: Let us pray,

**C: Suffering Savior, in all our thirst, in all our sickness, in all our longing, in all our pain, you are there. Come alongside us in the darkness, and walk with us through all our suffering.**

**Hymn: ELW # 600 ‘Out of the Depths I Cry to You’ *(verse 1)***

1 Out of the depths I cry to you;

 O Lord God, hear me calling.

 Incline your ear to my distress

 in spite of my rebelling.

 Do not regard my sinful deeds.

 Send me the grace my spirit needs;

 without it I am nothing.

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**Shadow of Despair**

**Reading: Mark 15:33-34**

From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. At three, Jesus cried out with a loud shout, “Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani,”which means, “My God, my God, why have you left me?” *(CEB)*

*(Silence)*

P: Let us pray,

***C: Lord Jesus Christ, you know what it is to feel that God is far away. You know what it is to call out for God’s presence. Come alongside us in the darkness, and help us call out for God.***

**Hymn: ELW # 703 ‘O God, Why Are You Silent’ *(verses 1 - 2)***

1. O God, why are you silent?
I cannot hear your voice;

the proud and strong and violent
all claim you and rejoice;

you promised you would hold me
with tenderness and care.

Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
and ease the pain I bear.

2. My hope lies bruised and battered,
my wounded heart is torn;

my spirit spent and shattered
by life's relentless storm;

will you not bend to hear me,
my cries from deep within?

Have you no word to cheer me
when night is closing in?

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**Shadow of Death**

**Reading: Mark 15:35-39**

After hearing him, some standing there said, “Look! He’s calling Elijah!” Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink, saying, “Let’s see if Elijah will come to take him down.” But Jesus let out a loud cry and died.

The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “This man was certainly God’s Son.”

(Silence)

P: Let us pray,

**C: Dearest Jesus, even in death, you are there. When we mourn, when we are afraid, when we come to our own end, you have been there, too. Come alongside us in the darkness, and carry us through death to life.**

**Hymn: ELW # 353 ‘Were You There’ *(verses 1 - 4)***

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

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**Shadow of Sorrow**

**Reading: Mark 15:40-41**

Some women were watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James (the younger one) and Joses, and Salome. When Jesus was in Galilee, these women had followed and supported him, along with many other women who had come to Jerusalem with him.

*(Silence)*

P: Let us pray,

***C: Loving Jesus, we carry the weight of the people we love, concern for their sorrows and suffering. Our care for them is deep, and sometimes there is not much we can do. Come alongside us in the darkness, and cradle the ones we love in your strong hands.***

**Sermon**

***(The text of Pastor Laura’s message will be sent out in a few days and the YouTube video of today’s service will be uploaded at that time.)***

**Prayers:**

A: If the cross tells us anything, O Lord,

it is that You know and share our suffering:

You are with us, and all those who are victims of disease,

of the violence or abuse of others,

of our own ignorance, foolishness or sin.

Help us and restore us, O Lord, we pray.

***Sung response: C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer.***

You are with us, and all those who inflict pain on others and on our world,

through our selfishness or greed,

through our brokenness or anger,

through our rigidity or need to be right.

Help us and restore us, O Lord, we pray.

***Sung response: C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer.***

You are with us, and all those who are fearful of threats

to this world we call home,

to our safety and survival,

to our sense of community and togetherness as people.

Help us and restore us, O Lord, we pray.

***Sung response: C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer.***

In silence, we now offer our prayers to you – the longings of our hearts and our prayers for the pain of the world around us**…*(leave a long space of silence)***

Christ of the Cross,

See our need of Your grace,

Hear our prayer for Your mercy,

And come to us again, to help and restore,

because we cannot heal ourselves.

Amen.

*Source: John van de Laar, in A Communion Liturgy for Good Friday, posted on the Sacredise.com website.*[*http://www.sacredise.com/*](http://www.sacredise.com/)

**Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray using the words that Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: ELW # 666 ‘What Wondrous Love Is This’**

1 What wondrous love is this,

 O my soul, O my soul!

 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

 What wondrous love is this

 that caused the Lord of bliss

 to bear the dreadful curse

 for my soul, for my soul,

 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2 When I was sinking down,

 sinking down, sinking down,

 when I was sinking down, sinking down,

 when I was sinking down

 beneath God's righteous frown,

 Christ laid aside his crown

 for my soul, for my soul,

 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb

 I will sing, I will sing;

 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;

 to God and to the Lamb,

 who is the great I AM,

 while millions join the theme,

 I will sing, I will sing,

 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free,

 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

 and when from death I'm free,

 I'll sing God's love for me,

 and through eternity

 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

 and through eternity I'll sing on.

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***All depart in silence. You may wish to pause for a while in prayer and silence. As you leave you are invited to place your stone at the foot of the cross, entrusting your prayers to God.***

***Offerings in plate at entrance…***

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