

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

According to St. Luke



Cochrane and Area

Community Walk of the Cross

April 7, 2023



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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We have come together on the day of Christ's crucifixion to follow His "Way of the Cross". We are here to remember the sacred and holy meaning of this day we know as Good Friday. Through the Lord Jesus, God reconciled all things to Himself, making peace through the blood of His cross. Christ himself is inviting us today to follow him. Jesus Christ says,

- If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)
- Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27)
- Today we will follow Christ's way to the cross as it is described in the Gospel of Luke.

Our procession includes 12 different stations, where we will rest for a moment to hear the story of Christ's passion, and endeavor to make it part of our own story. Each stop will consist of scripture readings, prayers, and a short time for silence. As we walk, we will sing.

At the end of our procession we will erect the cross at the cenotaph, and we will leave it there as a sign of our sinfulness and as a sign of God's mercy. Then on Easter it will become the sign of God's victory in Christ who conquered death and sin for us.

ALL: LORD, BE WITH US AS WE WALK WITH YOU.

STATION 1: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

All Saints Anglican Church

Location: NW corner of 1st Ave. W & 2nd St. W

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-40

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, you still have need for people to heed your calling. Call to us yet again. May we have the courage and wisdom to abide by your words and to proclaim your great and wondrous deeds. Forgive us our reluctance to do your bidding, to speak your word.

HYMN: **Amazing Grace** (Newton)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun



STATION 2: THE UNITY OF GRACE

Bow Valley Baptist Church

Location: In front of Still Water Tea

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:14-20

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, in your supper you long to unite the world and your Church. How often do we as your people erect walls between us, between neighbours, between churches, between nations? Provide us with your grace every day anew to overcome these divisions and separations.

HYMN: **Once Again** (Redman)

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice
You became nothing poured out to death
Many times, I've wondered at your gift of life

I'm in that place once again
I'm in that place once again

Once again I look upon the cross where You died
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside
Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life

Now You are exalted to the highest place
King of the Heavens, where one day I'll bow
But for now, I'll marvel at Your saving grace
I'm full of praise once again
Oh I'm full of praise once again

Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross, my friend

STATION 3: STRIVING FOR GREATNESS

Cochrane Alliance Church

Location: In front of Blonde Culture

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:24-26

PRAYER: Christ, Sovereign of the universe, how often do we strive for greatness, try to outdo our neighbours, compare and put others down? Help us discover that greatness is in serving. Make us good servants and stewards of your world.

HYMN: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
(Watts)

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



STATION 4: TEMPTATIONS & DISOBEDIENCE

Cochrane Pregnancy Care Centre

Location: In front of Kitchen Boutique

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:31-34, 39-46

PRAYER: Lord Christ, Satan would like to attack us every day. Protect us Jesus. Unlike you, we are all too willing to be tempted and deceived. How often do we deny you in word and deed, thinking we could have it the easy way? We resent following orders and rules. We like to be our own bosses. Give our weak faith endurance so we may fight the good fight as we resist the wiles of deceit and temptation. Help us realize that you are the Lord of all life - including ours - and that following you in faithfulness and trust is the way to life in all its fullness.



STATION 4: TEMPTATIONS & DISOBEDIENCE

HYMN: **Near the Cross** (Crosby)

Jesus keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

 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
Sheds its beams around me



STATION 5: BETRAYAL, DENIAL, AND TEARS

Cowboy Trail Church

Location: In front of MacKay's Ice Cream

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:47-62

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, how often have we tried to walk in your light, only to discover that we have chosen instead to walk in the darkness of betrayal? How often have we heard your words of peace and reconciliation only to strike out in ignorance and rage? Like Peter, we have denied you by thought, word and deed. Help turn our tears of shame into tears of joy as we accept your name, and live faithfully day by day.

HYMN: **Near the Cross** (Crosby)

Near the cross O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me

In the cross in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river



STATION 6: MOCKERY

King's Gate Church

Location: In front of Rockyview Hotel

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:63-71

PRAYER: Lord of faithfulness: daily, opportunities to share your love for us with others present themselves. Daily, we discover that our faith falls short as we turn away from the pain and sorrows of our world. When our lack of conviction makes a mockery of our faith in you, grant us courage and wisdom to speak your Word. Help us rely on you when the overpowering issues of life and death, pain and suffering crowd in upon us. Help us to trust in who you are, in your power as the Christ.

HYMN: **Nothing But The Blood** (Lowry)

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

STATION 7: FALSE WITNESS

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre

Location: In front of Heavenly Outhouse

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:1-5

PRAYER: Lord of Justice and Hope, You proclaimed God's realm of peace, harmony, and promise for all people. You showed people the way through service and commitment - commitment even unto death.

Help us witness to your realm which transforms this world from perversion to perfection. Forgive us when we become false witnesses by limiting the scope of your power of love.



STATION 7: FALSE WITNESS

HYMN: **In Christ Alone** (Getty/Townsend)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

STATION 8: CONTEMPT

Mountain Springs Calvary Chapel

Location: In front of Global Pet Foods

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:6-11

PRAYER: Our dear Lord Jesus, You allowed yourself to be the object of contempt for our sake even though you never expressed disregard for anyone. We cannot say the same of ourselves for we, at times, have held you in contempt when it comes to our lives. Forgive us and help us, by the Holy Spirit, to always hold on to the faith and receive you as our Saviour and Lord.

HYMN: **Here I Am To Worship** (Hughes)

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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STATION 9: THE TRIAL

St. Andrews United Church

Location: In front of OK Tire

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23: 13-16

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, You stood before Pilate in complete innocence and allowed yourself to be questioned and ridiculed. Though you were falsely tried, you were faithful. You became the sacrificial lamb for the sake of all humankind. May we, through you, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, seek always to do God's will at all times in our lives.

HYMN: **How Deep The Father's Love** (Townend)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished



STATION 10: THE CROWD'S RESPONSE

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Location: In front of Rocky View Taproom

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:18-25

PRAYER: Our dear Lord Jesus, there were so many that shouted crucify! You heard the pain of those words, words of rejection and yet you followed the will of your father as you prepared to give your life on the cross. Help us Lord, to walk all the way to the cross. Amen.

HYMN: **Where You There** (African American Spiritual)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

Were you there when He rose up from the dead
Were you there when He rose up from the dead
O sometimes I feel like shouting glory glory glory
Were you there when He rose up from the dead



STATION 11: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Location: In front of Absolute Dental Care

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23: 26-27, 32-38

PRAYER: Our precious Lord Jesus, in allowing yourself to be innocently judged and humiliated as you carried your cross through the streets of Jerusalem concluding in death by crucifixion, you showed us how deeply you love us. Help us perceive in our journey with you that the way of the cross means to give ourselves daily to others - self-sacrifice by us, that others may know your love flowing through us. O Jesus, as you hung on the cross in pain and agony you did not curse your executioners but rather pleaded on their behalf, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." In their spiritual blindness they could neither perceive nor comprehend your love and understanding. We confess that we, as well, walk too often in spiritual blindness instead of in your light. Forgive us and help us, by the Holy Spirit, to shed the gloom which blinds us that we may walk in your light and be instruments of your love.



STATION 11: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

HYMN: All Hail King Jesus (Riddle)

There was a moment when the lights went out
When death had claimed its victory
The King of Love had given up His life
The darkest day in history

There on a cross they made for sinners
For every curse His blood atoned
One final breath and it was finished
But not the end we could have known

For the earth began to shake
And the veil was torn
What sacrifice was made
As the heavens roared

All hail King Jesus
All hail the Lord of Heaven and earth
All hail King Jesus
All hail the Savior of the world

Let every knee come bow before the King of Kings
Let every tongue confess that He is Lord
Lift up your shout let us join with all of Heaven
Singing Holy, Singing Holy, Cry out Holy



STATION 12: UNITY OF SINNERS

Bow Valley Baptist Church

Location: *Cenotaph*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:44-49

PRAYER: Jesus our Lord, when your work in the flesh was finished and you gave up your spirit to God, the multitude gathered at your cross recognized your innocence. In unity with each other over your innocent death, they left the area beating their breasts. Our unity is expressed in acknowledging that we too are sinners and that we too separate ourselves from you and those in need around us. Our unity is also expressed in our hope of new life through forgiveness and reconciliation each time we repent by returning to you, and in the day of resurrection when you return in all your glory.



CLOSING PRAYER: (unison)

Lord Jesus,

You invited us to watch with you for one hour in prayer.

As this time draws to a close give us a deeper love for
You and appreciation for the Cross.

May we be disciples worthy of your Name.

We pray for unity of your Church.

May we be so completely yours, that the world may
know that the Father sent you.

In Your Name.

Lord, make us one. Amen

The cross will be veiled, and we depart silently.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for joining with us in this, the 41th annual Good Friday Procession as we witness publicly to our common faith.

Thank you to all who have participated ... especially those who have been readers and those carrying the cross.

This service is the result of the efforts of the Churches of Cochrane and the surrounding districts. It could not be offered without the cooperation of:

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YOU'RE INVITED

The Churches of Cochrane invite you to join them for Easter worship this Sunday and for worship services throughout the year.

- † All Saints Anglican Church
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