

Merging Waters and Cedar Park United Churches gather together
for

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Friday March 29 10:30 am
204 Lakeview Ave, Pointe Claire, QC
and online.



Musical Prelude: Again and Again by The Many (video recording)

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Welcome & Introduction

Greeting

In the name of God,
Grace and Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Centering & Lighting Christ Candle.

Calling to Worship

We have been here before,

A place of grieving and mourning.

We have been here before,

A night that seems it won't end.

We have been here before,

Knee deep in fear, knee deep in doubt.

We have been here before,

Good Friday, the day Jesus was crucified.

We continue to learn of what we need to 'let go' of
to be fully present to this journey you invite us into.

We struggle with what this allows us to make space for and 'let come'
as we make our way once again to this moment.

So once again, we find ourselves here,
at the foot of the cross. Christ's Cross.

Where else should we go when the world falls apart?
Let us keep vigil, in company with God and one another.
Let us worship.

Sung response Stay With Me

sung a few times

VU 950

Mark tells the Story of the Crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth

Part One: Jesus is arrested

Scripture: *(Mark 14:32-15:1 selected verses)*

Reflection: Why?

Pause for silence and reflection. Knead the clay; let go and let come.

Prayer:

"Wait with me," Jesus pleaded.

As do all who face terror.

As do all who suffer injustice.

As do all in pain and anguish.

Holy God, by your grace,

May we be found waiting.

with those in need of strength.

Song: "In the watches of the night."

v.2

VU 134

Part Two: Peter Denies Jesus / Pierre renie son Maître

Écriture: Marc 14:66-72

Reflection: Courage Fails

Pause for silence and reflection. Knead the clay; let go and let come.

Prayer

We pray for courage.

Strength of heart.

Courage to wait.

Courage to stand with, to stand up for,

to stand on guard for, the Dream of God,
to strive for justice and equity, love and kindness,
 to strive for all that we know to be right and good and true.
We pray for courage. Amen.

Song: N'ayez pas peur / Don't Be Afraid

Fr/Eng/Fr

MV 90

Part Three: Jesus is tried, and condemned to death

Scripture: Mark 15:2-15

Reflection: The Politics of Pilate

Pause for silence and reflection. Knead the clay; let go and let come.

Prayer:

Let us Pray:

For all who face trials or judgment this week

**And for those appointed to judge
 or deliver mercy.**

God in your loving mercy:

Hear our Prayer.

Song: See Him in the Judgment Hall

v.2.

VU 133

Part Four: Jesus is mocked and given his cross

Scripture: Mark 15:16-20

Reflection: Mockery

Pause for silence and reflection. Knead the clay; let go and let come.

Prayer:

For those appointed to keep peace and order,

and for those attempted to abuse that power:

God in your loving mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

Song: Jesus, Remember Me

VU 148

Part Five: Simon of Cyrene carries his cross

Scripture: Mark 15:21

Reflection: We all carry crosses.

Pause for silence and reflection. Knead the clay; let go and let come.

Prayer:

For all who carry the cross of care

and for all who stumble with the burden.

God in your mercy,

hear Our Prayer

Choir Anthem: What Have They Done?

Jay Althouse

Part Six: Golgotha: Jesus is crucified

Scripture: Mark: 15:22-37

Hymn They Crucified my Lord

VU 141

The Christ Candle is extinguished

*Kneaded clay prayers/creations are brought
and placed at the foot of the cross.*

Prayer:

alone today

for all who die loved, and missed

God, in your loving mercy,

hear our Prayer.

For all who will die

Song: O God, Why Are You Silent? v. 1-3

MV 73

Part Seven: Jesus' body is taken down from the cross

Scripture: Mark 15:40-47

Reflection: Linens and Spices

Prayer:

For all who keep vigil over sadness and loss,

for all who are longing for life, light, relief.

God in your loving mercy,

hear our prayer.

We Wait, Keeping Vigil

Sung response Stay With Me

sung a few times

VU 950

Commendation and Blessing

You are invited to linger in silent prayer,
and then leave the sanctuary in silence.

We will gather on the lawn.

*Presiding: Pastor Lisa Byer-de Wever,
Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Jones*

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Reflections (Why?, Courage Fails, We all carry crosses, Linens and Spices), by Elisabeth Jones.



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WORSHIP**

Again and Again,
We Stand at the Cross

March 29 at 10:30 AM

Onsite at 204 Lakeview
Online via YouTube

Cedar Park United with Merging Waters

Thank you for joining in worship today ♥

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

**Merging Waters
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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

PALM SUNDAY March 24 – 10:30 am - 24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 28 – 6:00 pm
24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
****Bring your picnic dinner, coffee/tea & sweets will be served****
RSVP office@mergingwaters.ca

GOOD FRIDAY March 29 – 10:30 am @ Cedar Park UC
204 Lakeview Ave, Pointe-Claire, Quebec H9S 4C5

EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY March 30 – 7:30 pm
@ Christ Church Bearepaire Anglican- 455 Church St, Beaconsfield

EASTER SUNRISE ECUMENICAL SERVICE March 31– 7:00 am
Saint-Joachim de Pointe-Claire Church
2 Ave Ste Anne, Pointe-Claire

EASTER SUNDAY March 31 – 10:30 am
24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue

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