

KNOX STRATFORD – Good Friday, April 18, 2025

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God

who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation,

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

God did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,

Will God not also give us everything else with Christ?

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Now and forever.

OPENING PRAYER: Loving God, we know that you seek the lost and wandering sheep. May our worship today be a means through which many come to know you and to trust in Jesus as their Saviour. Amen.

HYMN: #225 A new commandment

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 26:20-25, 31-35

HYMN: #230 Go to dark Gethsemane All Verses

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 22:39-62

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of loving kindness, you sent Christ into the world that we might have life and have it abundantly. Yet we live lives that are sometimes deadly, and less than your purposes intend. We allow your world to be filled with violence and terror; our trust in you is shallow and our faith falters. In the face of uncertainty and trouble, we forget that your loving kindness governs all things. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:28-19:6

CHOIR ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

O Love from heaven to earth come down, You call us to live in communion with you and one another. We remember before you our families, whether we are close or estranged, and our friends, whether nearby or far away. Bless all the relationships that sustain us and bring your love close by. Loving God, give us love in our times. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we pray the words Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #233 Were you there Verses 1,2,3,4

REFLECTION

OFFERING HYMN: #231 When I survey the wondrous cross
Verses 3, 4

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 15:21-39

CLOSING BLESSING:

Do not hurry away from the cross. Linger near, to survey, to stand, to ponder our Saviour's suffering and death. Consider, carefully and well, the preciousness of his sacrifice for you, the greatness of his mercy toward you. Then depart Golgatha confidently, knowing that the Spirit will keep you in the crucified Saviour's strong embrace and prompt you to trust and obey him always. The God of peace will go with you. Amen.

You are most welcome to join us for Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Morning 8:00am near the Bandshell

Easter Tea Sunday 9:00am Banquet Hall at Knox

Easter Sunday Worship 10:30am at Knox