

Fort Langley's Stations of the Cross

**Join the churches of Fort Langley as we reflect on and
celebrate the story of Jesus and Good Friday.**

A collaboration of the churches of Fort Langley:

Fort Langley Evangelical Free Church
Living Waters Church
The Parish of St. George - Anglican Church of Canada
United Churches of Langley
Wagner Hills Farm Society

Togetherness is a hallmark of the Christian faith.

The churches of Fort Langley aim to love and celebrate one another in an effort to reflect our oneness in Christ. We express togetherness through serving the community of Fort Langley, hosting ecumenical events, and prayer.

Our hope is that this heart of unity will help us better love and serve the beautiful village of Fort Langley and its surrounding neighbourhoods.



Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the unceded territories of the Kwantlen, the Matsqui, the Semiahmoo and the Katzie people; and we follow in the steps of all our relations and all our fore-bearers as we gather on this land... this sacred space.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy world-wide Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Station 1 – Jesus Prays in the Garden (Matthew 26: 36-42)

As prepared by Wagner Hills Farm Society

Recitation

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

People: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Scripture: Matthew 26: 36-42

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he

went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Collect

Lord, we pray when our strength fails,
when our hope fades
and when our spirit grows weary,
that we will put our unbounded trust in you.
In turn, may we bring your love -
in a word or action of comfort to another -
in their moment of meaninglessness, depression or despair.
We ask this in the name of the one we follow.

Response

Jesus, you taught us that a seed remains alone unless it first dies. Usually when we think of gardens, life and fruitfulness and beauty come to mind. But your story reminds us that for abundance to be produced, first there is the dying. We know you physically died on the cross, but we see in the Garden of Gethsemane how first you died to your own will. Thank you, Jesus, for showing us your humanness when you asked for the cup to pass from you. And thank you for your example of obedience and trust in the Father as you trusted that something otherwise undesirable and difficult was part of his good plans.

Station 2 – Jesus Willingly Gives His Life (John 18:1-5a, 10-11)

As prepared by The Parish of St. George

Recitation

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

People: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Scripture: John 18: 1-5a, 10-11

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he."

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Collect

Holy One,
may we see your presence
in all the burdens we carry today.
Help us to share our burdens more freely,
not to be afraid to acknowledge
our fears and our pain.
May we be more aware of the crosses that others bear
and make time to alleviate their burden.
May your face shine on each of us
through the crosses we bear.
Amen.

Response

What Wondrous Love

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 Christ should come from bliss To share the hate and strife, O my soul, O my soul! To share the hate and strife, O my soul.

Compassion stirs within, let it be, let it be. Compassion stirs within, let it be. Compassion stirs within – a challenge to begin. Providing healing balm, may it be, may it be. Providing healing balm, may it be.

For love that knows no end, we give thanks, we give thanks. For love that knows no end, we give thanks. For love that knows no end, that finds a way to mend May we rest in this grace, and give thanks, and give thanks. May we rest in this grace, and give thanks.

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Station 3 – Peter and the Disciples Forsake Jesus (John 18:17-18, 25-27)
As prepared by Living Waters Church

Recitation

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

People: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Scripture: John 18: 17-18, 25-27

17 The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

18 Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves.

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Collect

Lord, we thank you
that in your passion
you offer forgiveness
and invite us to be with you
where hunger is no more
and death has no dominion.
May the broken bread of life
fracture our stony hearts
for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.

Response

*Jesus,
You know the depths of all our experience.
You know what it is to be
Misunderstood. Misread. Maltreated.
You know what it is to speak well
And be slandered.
To tell the truth
And be lied about.
To do good
And receive evil.*

*Help us not to misunderstand you,
And give us a generous posture towards others.
Give us strength to hold onto truth
Even at the cost of being misunderstood.*

*Be especially close to those who are wrongly accused.
And come again to be the one judge who will always get it right.
Amen*

Station 4 – Jesus Before Pilate (Mark 15: 1-5, 6-15)

As prepared by Living Waters Church

Recitation

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

People: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Scripture: Mark 15: 1-5, 6-15

1 And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." 5 But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. 6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. 7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. 8 And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. 9 And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. 12 And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 And they cried out again, "Crucify him." 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Collect

O Compassionate One, we pray for those who cannot reach out to you at this moment.

We pray for all victims of violence;
those who suffer it and those who inflict it.

We pray especially for children,
for the elderly and those too vulnerable to defend themselves.

May victims of cruelty and oppression
know that you are always with them. Amen.

Response

"Jesus is Condemned to Death" from Stations of the Cross found in "The Word in the Wilderness" by Malcolm Guite

The very air that Pilate breathes, the voice
With which he speaks in judgment, all his powers

Of perception and discrimination, choice,
Decision, all his years, his days and hours,
His consciousness of self, his every sense,
Are given by this prisoner, freely given.
The man who stands there making no defence,
Is God. His hands are tied, His heart is open.
And he bears Pilate's heart in his and feels
That crushing weight of wasted life. He lifts
It up in silent love. He lifts and heals.
He gives himself again with all his gifts
Into our hands. As Pilate turns away
A door swings open. This is judgment day.

Station 5 – Jesus is Mocked, Beaten, Crucified and Forgives (Luke 23:32-38)
As prepared by United Churches of Langley

Recitation

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People: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Scripture: Luke 23: 32-38

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Collect

Stripped of everything, Oh Jesus,
you stood exposed to the jeers and contempt
of the people whom you loved.
Forgive our ignorance and unwillingness to love.
May your unconditional love
guide us to be more like you,
choosing love over hate,
forgiveness over bitterness.
Loving God, give us grace to forgive
as you have so freely forgiven us.

Amen.

Response

Song: Tenth Avenue North - Losing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX0cmUj4hvw>

*I can't believe what she said
I can't believe what he did
Oh, don't they know it's wrong
Don't they know it's wrong, yeah
Maybe there's something I missed
But how could they treat me like this
It's wearing out my heart
The way they disregard*

*This is love, this is hate
We all have a choice to make*

*Oh, Father won't You forgive them
They don't know what they've been doing
Oh Father, give me grace to forgive them
Cause I feel like the one losing*

*It's only the dead that can live
But still I wrestle with this
To lose the pain that's mine
Seventy times seven times, yeah
Lord it doesn't feel right
For me to turn a blind eye
Though I guess it's not that much
When I think of what You've done*

*This is love, this is hate
We gotta a choice to make*

*Oh Father won't You forgive them
They don't know what they've been doing
Oh Father, give me grace to forgive them
Cause I feel like the one losing, oh no*

*Why do we think that hate's gonna change the heart
We're up in arms over wars that don't need to be fought
Pride won't let us lay weapons on the ground
We build our bridges up but just to burn them down
We think pain is owed an apology and then it'll stop
Truth be told it doesn't matter if we're sorry or not*

*Freedom comes when we surrender to the sound
Of Your mercy and Your grace, Father, send Your angels down*

*Oh Father won't You forgive them
They don't know what they've been doing, oh no
Oh Father, give me grace to forgive them
Cause I feel like the one losing
Yeah, I feel like I've been losing*

*Oh Father, give me grace to forgive them
Cause I feel like the one losing
I feel like I've been losing*

*Oh Father, give me grace to forgive them
Cause I feel like the one losing*

Station 6 – Jesus Dies and is Laid in the Tomb

(John 19: 28-30, Luke 23: 50-56)

As prepared by United Churches of Langley

Recitation

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

People: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Scripture: John 19: 28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

A jar full of sour wine stood there,

so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Scripture: Luke 23: 50-56

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb

and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Collect

Jesus, your witness to love was threatening,
leading some to betray you,
some to torture and execute you.
Yet, we hear stories of those who cared for you,
who gave you a holy place to rest.
Guide us to be the ones who care for others.
Let us not stand by and do nothing,
when hatred and violence take hold of the world.
We ask for the gift of faith
when we are faced with the darkness of the tomb.
Amen.

Response

Song: Were You There? (v 1-3)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLJ0ljLAmOA>

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 laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Station 7 – Closing Prayer (Isaiah 53:6)

As prepared by Fort Langley Evangelical Free Church

Dear Jesus,

As we reflect on the reality of your closest followers and friends becoming scatterers, deniers and betrayers, it would be easy...and convenient... to point the finger and feign a sense of shock at their "audacity".

But we read in your word that:

We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — everyone — to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:10). And when we read that, and reflect on our lives, there is no added convincing necessary, that our hearts inclination is the same as those disciples.

And so, we echo the words of the songwriter in our prayer to you: Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be Let that goodness like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

Amen