

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 Community Church
Living Waters Church
The Parish of St. George (host site)
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.

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Welcome (Pastor Jason Lavergne)

Honouring of First Nation Land and People

As we gather together, we honour that we are the uninvited guests on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Kwantlen, the Matsqui, the Katzie and the Semiahmoo people. We recognize that the churches and government have done harm to the land and its people. We work together to seek justice and repair the harm of over 7 generations, and seek to reconcile and heal our relationship with the land and its ancestral people.

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)

At Fort Langley Community Hall
Offered by Wagner Hills Farm Society

Recitation

Leader: O Christ, and we praise you,
People: *By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Scripture: Matthew 26: 36-42

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." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 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." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 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 Jesus,
Thank you for being patient with our human weaknesses, even in your darkest hour.
Thank you for accepting the cross so that our weaknesses would be forever covered by your grace.
Thank you for not begrudging being left alone, even as you made the sacrifice that would ensure we would never be left alone.
Amen.

Response

Lord Jesus, your acceptance of the cross meant our sins could be paid for with your blood.
Thank you for forgiveness, and thank you for the means the cross gives us

to also extend forgiveness so that we might be doubly free – ourselves forgiven, and free of bearing the burden of grudges against others.

As we begin our procession today, Holy Spirit, bring fresh reassurance of the mercy that reigns over us, and bring to our minds anyone we need to forgive, that we might release them here and now, knowing your sacrifice on the cross paid for their offences as well as ours.

Amen.

Station 2 – Jesus Willingly Gives His Life (Matthew 26:47-56)

At St. George's Anglican Church

Offered by Fort Langley Community Church

Recitation

Leader: O Christ, and we praise you,

People: *By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Scripture: Matthew 26:47-56

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in

this way?" In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Collect

Father,

We ask that you help us to be open to see Your plan.

Even when we feel betrayed or hurt by others,

may your son's witness to trust in You,

be our guide as we look for Your presence

in the hard times we face.

Help our hearts to be open,

that we might feel your comforting hand upon our lives.

May your face shine on each of us through the crosses we bear.

Amen.

Response

The Golgotha Experience Summarized

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver pieces. Not an exorbitant amount, but not a little amount. "If ever there was a priceless man, it was Jesus".

Yet this amount is familiar to us as seen in Exodus 21:32

where we're told upon the death of a slave the owner is

owed 30 silver coins. For the same price as a slave, Jesus is

sold by a friend and given over to be killed. Even before the

crucifixion Jesus was brought low and humiliated, treated as

a slave. Yet he still acts with humility, and discourages Simon

Peter's violence. As if nothing had happened he calls his

betrayal friend, while knowing the betrayal that was to

come. "This is Jesus. Sharing the worth of the lowest of men.

Dying for every man, rich or poor, free or in bondage."

Song: Hosanna Song by John Guerra

*With one breath, "Hosanna" we cry
With the next one we say, "Crucify!"
With one voice we praise your name
With the same voice we condemn you to shame.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord*

*With palm leaves we welcome your reign
With twisted thorns we crown you with pain
You wash our feet to show us your love
We wash our hands of your innocent blood*

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord. (repeat)

*We claim you when you come in power
But we leave you in your terrible hour
We hail you for victory won
But we mock you as you say "It is done."*

Station 3 – Peter and the Disciples Forsake Jesus (John 18:17-18, 25-27)

At Living Waters Church, offered by Living Waters Church

Recitation

Leader: O Christ, and we praise you,

People: *By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

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

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."

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

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." 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?" Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Collect

Lord, forgive us for our times of faith-lessness
when we hesitate to give witness to your ever-present
Grace.

Help us to be true to you and to your redeeming Word,
that we might stand with you at the cross,
and in the broken and hurting parts of our world.
With deep gratitude for your abiding Love, Amen.

Response

Why Did the Messiah Have to Die?
from *Simply Jesus* by NT Wright, page 167

Layer upon layer it comes,
dense and rich within the texts,
echo upon echo, allusion and resonance
tumbling over one another,
so that for those with ears to hear it becomes unmissable,
a crescendo of questions
to which in the end there can be only one answer.
Why are you speaking like this?
Are you the one who is to come?
Can anything good come out of Nazareth?
What sign can you show us?
Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?
Where did this man get all this wisdom?
How can this man give us his flesh to eat?
Who are you? Why do you not follow the traditions?
Do the authorities think he's the Messiah?
Can the Messiah come from Galilee?
Why are you behaving unlawfully? Who then is this?

Aren't we right to say that you're a Samaritan and have a demon?
What do you say about him?
By what right are you doing these things?
Who is this Son of Man? Should we pay tribute to Caesar?
And climactically:
Are you the king of the Jews?
What is truth? Where are you from?
Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?
Then finally, too late for answers, but not too late for irony:
Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!
If you're the Messiah, why don't you come down from that cross?

Station 4 – Jesus Before Pilate (Matthew 27:11-23)

At Living Waters Church, offered by Living Waters Church

Recitation

Leader: O Christ, and we praise you,

People: *By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Scripture: Matthew 27:11-23

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that

righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

Collect

O Compassionate One,
we pray for those who cannot reach out to you.
We pray for all victims of violence:
those who suffer it and those who inflict it.
Help us to seek your righteousness
in our thoughts, words and actions,
that we might right the wrongs of the world
and bring peace and justice for all. Amen.

Response

Song: How Deep the Father's Love by Stuart 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.*

*I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

Station 5 – Jesus is Mocked, Beaten, Crucified and Forgives

(Luke 23:32-38)

At United Churches of Langley (St. Andrews Chapel)

Offered by United Churches of Langley

Recitation

Leader: O Christ, and we praise you,

People: *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: Greater Love by Stan Pethel

*He tried to tell them, but how were they to know?
It seemed so hard to believe.
He tried to tell them and prove that it was so,
this gift that only God could conceive.*

*Greater love could not one give us,
greater love cannot be found.
There's a love that comes from Jesus;
no one could ever know a greater love.*

*The day was dreary, the sky was turning dark;
The mocking crowd climbed the hill.
Humiliation and pain upon a mountain:
He died alone to do his Father's will.*

*Greater love could not one give us,
greater love cannot be found.
There's a love that comes from Jesus;
no one could ever know a greater love.*

*Greater love could not one give us,
greater love cannot be found.*

*There's a love that comes from Jesus;
No one could ever find,
it's deeper all the time,
no one could ever know a greater love.*

Station 6 – Jesus Dies and is Laid in the Tomb

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

At Fort Langley Cemetery

Offered by Fort Langley Community Church

Recitation

Leader: O Christ, and we praise you,

People: *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: Jesus Paid It All by Kings Kaleidoscope

*I hear the Savior say
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness
Watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all"*

*Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Jesus died my soul to save
And melt my heart of stone*

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat*

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*Oh, praise the One
Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
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Closing Remarks & Prayer

Pastor Jason Lavergne

Blessings to all on your Holy Weekend.

Let us await the Resurrection of the Christ with quiet contemplation at the foot of the cross, and joyful anticipation of life eternal

Other Good Friday and Easter Offerings

Fort Langley Community Church

Easter Sunday - 9am Breakfast | 10am Worship Service

Living Waters Church

Easter Sunday - 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am & 11:45am
Services

United Churches of Langley

Easter Sunday (Murrayville)

9:45am Egg Hunt and lite Easter Breakfast *(for all ages)*

10:30am Easter Celebration Service

Easter Sunday (Fort Langley)

4:00pm Easter Gospel Jazz **AWE** (**A**lternative **W**orship
Experience)

The Parish of St. George Anglican Church

Good Friday - 3:00pm Service

Easter Sunday – 9:00am Service