

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
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

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 seven 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 on the Mount of Olives

Luke 22:39–44

At Fort Langley Community Hall
Offered by Wagner Hills Farm Society

Recitation

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

All: "*For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*"

Scripture: Luke 22:39–44

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Collect

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Response

This passage from Luke marks the beginning of our meditations on Jesus' suffering.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians that he rejoiced when his sufferings completed whatever was lacking in Jesus' sufferings for them, perhaps pointing to the fact that the benefit of Jesus' sufferings couldn't be fully realized in their lives unless someone like Paul took the pains necessary to bring the message to them, and to be the message to them.

In other words, Paul became, as he would write in 2 Corinthians 3:3, a living "letter from Christ"; the love of Jesus poured out first at the cross — an event initially separated from people by space and time — then reaching people, embodied in their lives through Paul's sacrificial acts of love for them, whenever and wherever they needed it.

Since each of us has a sphere of influence where we can embody Christ's love to those around us today, and we require strength from the Holy Spirit whenever we need to enter into suffering to do this, may God answer the Prayer of Saint Francis we spoke together, pouring out his love through each of us in the relationships we have.

Station 2: Jesus Willingly Gives His Life

Matthew 26:47–56

At St. George's Anglican Church

Offered by St. George's Anglican Church

Recitation

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

All: *"For 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

"But Then Comes the Morning" by Jack Miffleton

Chorus:

*But then comes the morning
Yesterdays sorrows behind
Wake it's the day of your longing
Life returns, mercy comes, it's morning*

Verse 1:

*Look at him stripped on the hill
Running the streets poorly clad
Robots have taken his job
His hands are outstretched for the nails*

Verse 2:

*Look at him nailed to the cross
Nailed by our lack of concern
Locked and forgotten in jail
Confined to a home for the aged*

Verse 3:

*Look at him die on the cross
Witness man's cruelty to man
Cut down like weeds in our wars
Stabbed on the streets where we live*

Verse 4:

*The night watch is set at the tomb
He's buried, not dead but alive*

*As long as you did it to these
You also have done it to me*

Refrain:

Forgive Lord, forgive

It was night when we did what we did

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

All: "*For 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. Peter also was with them, 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 faithlessness 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

Walking this ancient custom of "Stations of the Cross," we witness how Peter and the other disciples react to the capture of Jesus: they abandoned Him. So many questions arise: "How could this happen? How could the people best prepared to

welcome Jesus reject Him, and crucify Him? How could His closest friends, prepared for this very moment, abandon Him right when He needed them the most?" Pondering historical answers will do us much good.

Today, as we consider Jesus' suffering, let's look not from the outside, but from the inside. You might not have gone to this place yet — but you may well know others who have.

Have you ever faced a hopeless challenge, a battle you cannot win? Have you ever been misunderstood? Lied about? Misrepresented so badly, that even good people turned against you? Did your close friends stand with you while it was convenient, but abandon you when it wasn't? So that on your very worst day, you faced your fate alone? Have you felt the helpless, sinking chill on your heart as your enemies came for you, as blackness surrounded you, as the swells of harsh consequences broke over you? With nothing left to do but to put your head down and go through whatever comes next?

Christians believe that the Creator of the Universe came here in Jesus Christ — to live among us as one of us! *"Because He Himself suffered when he was tested, He is able to help those who are being tested."* (Hebrews 2:18)

He suffered not only for us, but with us. "God knows everything already." Yes — but simply believing that idea may not help much.

Today, here in this place, pondering and sensing as Jesus goes through what we go through — a road is made from His heart to ours. Hope and healing begin when we are seen, heard, acknowledged, understood — and He sees. Here is Someone who gets it, here is Someone who shares in our suffering, who empathizes with our broken, hopeless hearts: His own heart was abused, broken and abandoned.

In Christ, we do not always find protection — but we do find hope and healing. For against all odds, He who suffered for us and with us did not remain abandoned. His enemies did not finally overcome Him. God raised Him from the dead, a glorious new chapter in the work of making all things new. But that's a topic for another day.

Today we ponder His suffering. He has been here, with us fully, as one of us. He meets us right where we are — and leads us out, to where He is going — if we will follow.

Please pray with me:

Lord Jesus, God Most High, you come so low to meet us! Though we abandoned You on Your worst day, You have not abandoned us on ours — we thank You! Let Your compassion, the empathy of the Holy Spirit, draw our minds and our hearts to You, and keep us close to You. As You were faithful through the darkest trouble, so make us faithful, too. As You rose again to new life then, so raise us to new life now. We will follow You. Lord, make all things new! Soon! And amen.

Station 4: Jesus Before Pilate

Matthew 27:11–23

At Living Waters Church

Offered by Fort Langley Community Church

Recitation

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

All: *"For 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

"My Song Is Love Unknown" Poem by Samuel Crossman, Song by Becky McGlade

*My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take, frail flesh and die?*

*He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!*

*Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day, hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.*

*Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run; He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst Him rise.*

*They rise, and needs will have, my dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save; the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes, that He His foes from thence might free.*

*In life, no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb, but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was His home; but mine the tomb wherein He lay.*

*Here might I stay and sing — no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could gladly spend.*

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

All: *"For 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

"Greater Love" by Stan Pethel

Verse 1:

He tried to tell them but how were they to know

It seemed so hard to believe

He tried to teach them and prove that it was so

This gift that only God could conceive

Chorus 1:

Greater love could no one give us

Greater love cannot be found

There's a love that comes from Jesus

No one could ever know greater love

Verse 2:

*The day was dreary the sky was turning dark
The mocking crowd climbed the hill
Humiliation and pain upon a man
He died alone to do His Father's will*

Chorus 2:

*Greater love could no 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
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 Wagner Hills Farm Society

Recitation

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

All: "*For 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

Colossians 1:19–20: It pleased the Father that in Him [Jesus] all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Response

“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)” by Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

*There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down*

Chorus:

*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You*

Verse 2:

*There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down*

Bridge:

*Here my hope is found, here on holy ground
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow*

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 Easter Offerings:

Fort Langley Community Church

Easter Sunday

10:00am Service with Lunch to follow!

Living Waters Church

Easter Sunday

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

Following today's Stations of the Cross event, join us for a special "King of Kings" Art Exhibit in the Living Waters Church Auditorium.

The Parish of St. George

Easter Sunday

6:00am Sunrise Service

9:30am Service

United Churches of Langley

Easter Sunday (Murrayville)

9:45am Lite Easter Breakfast and Easter Activities (*for all ages*)

10:30am Easter Celebration Service

11th Annual Walk in the Spirit of Reconciliation: May 29–31, 2026

Friday: UCoL Fort Langley to Kwantlen Longhouse

Saturday: Aldergrove

Sunday: Heritage Park & St. Mary's Residential School

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