

**All: Through Christ and with Christ,  
in Christ and the spirit, all glory is yours.  
Both now and forever – the God we adore.  
Amen.**

### **Prayer that Jesus Taught (All)**

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name  
echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples  
of the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.  
From the New Zealand Prayer Book

### **Sharing of the Meal**

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

Gathered and loved, we are transformed. In our transformation  
we see new ways of discipleship, ways that can turn the world  
upside down. Amen.

This is the Night our God has made. Let us be humbled and  
grateful. All has been done so we might be free; free of death,  
free of sin, free to serve in love. You are disciples in this time  
and place. May God be glorified in you. Amen.

# **Forest Hill United Church**

## **April 18, 2019 6 p.m.**



Based on the service for Deer Lake United Church

### **Prelude**

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

### **Call to Worship**

**One:** Of all nights, why do we gather on this night?

**All:** **We gather to find the living God,  
here, amid the gathering darkness,  
and the approach of despair.**

**One:** And where is our God to be found?

**All:** **With his friends, giving them comfort,  
while those who would harm him plot his  
destruction.**

**One:** Did he not predict this moment, just days ago?

**All:** **Jesus said: “Destroy this temple, and I will  
raise it again in three days.” For tonight,  
though, the meaning is unclear.**

**One:** What more can he do on this night of nights?

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**All:** Jesus will wash the feet of those dear to him,  
to show that the Master is truly a servant,  
and the least and the last are the greatest of all.

One: And how will it end, this night of such darkness?

**All:** A table is set and soon we will gather,  
where words of remembrance and glory will  
be told, and fruit of the field and the vineyard  
consumed.

One: And what of the meaning, eternity's purpose?

**All:** The day that shall follow will see it revealed,  
when cross and the crowd conspire together:  
the wondrous result, too precious to name.

### Prayer of Approach (All)

We gather here with you, Lord, intimately. We gather in your name, in your Holy Week. As we listen to scripture recount your last days and final encounters with people, open us to listen to you. As we eat and drink recounting your last supper, open us to receive your Spirit. As we humble ourselves to the cleansing action, may we clean our hearts for you. This is your Holy Week. May it be holy in us too. Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

**John 13:1-5, 12-17**

### Intro to Sharing of the Meal

Near the end of his life, Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal, the last of many they had shared. That evening, Jesus gave his friends a new commandment. Tonight we remember the meal known as "Maundy" which means "New Commandment".

### The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: As we begin, tell me about this God we worship.

**All:** God is comfort in a time of confusion,  
a companion in the darkness of our fear.  
Even in the face of death and betrayal,  
God is with us.

One: And what of Jesus, where can we find him?

**All:** Jesus is setting the table of heaven,  
a table of the broken, the outcast, the sinner.  
He sets a place for each of us, calling our name.

One: Let us praise him, our host for this night:

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

One: What happened on the night he was betrayed?

**All:** Jesus met his friends in a room just like this  
one, around a table, just like this one,  
with friends and disciples, like you and me.

One: And what did he say to his loving companions?

**All:** This bread that I break is the bread of life,  
The wine that I pour is the cup of blessing.  
Each time you do this remember me.

One: What is the mystery revealed on this night?

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

One: And what is the hope we proclaim at this table?

**All:** We hope that the Spirit will once more  
descend, on us and on others at tables like this  
one: and the body of Christ shall be present  
tonight.

One: Bless then, this table, the One and the Three: