**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

Friday March 29th, 2024

Good Friday – Stations of Peter

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** *This is the Hour of Worship*  Dorothy Lawson

**Gathering Words**

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy God,**

**as we journey through this familiar story,**

**help us to understand it in a new way.**

**Show us, O God, where we find ourselves**

**In this narrative,**

**And move us toward a more just**

**And compassionate future.**

**Through your reconciling grace we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Visual Meditation**

**Station One-** *Peter resists then receives the foot washing*

**Scripture:** John 13: 1- 20

**Through Peter’s Eyes**

**Congregational Response**

**Hymn** VU 134 Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold

**Station Two -** *Jesus foretells Peter’s denials*

**Scripture:** John 13: 31-38

**Through Peter’s Eyes**

**Congregational Response**

**Hymn** VU 143 My Song is Love Unknown

**Station Three -** *Peter draws his sword*

**Scripture:** John 18: 1-11

**Through Peter’s Eyes**

**Congregational Response**

**Holy One,**

**Our world today feels addicted to violence.**

**We lament the proliferation**

**and use of weapons and firearms.**

**We bemoan the staggering statistics of intimate partner violence.**

**We mourn the abuse of our 2S and LGBTQIA+ family and friends must endure so often.**

**And we confess our own complicity in the pain of our neighbours and the violent ways of our world.**

**For we too have uttered harmful words about each other, we have refused to acknowledge another’s pain, we have turned a blind eye to those in need. In doing so we have betrayed the peace you left with us through Jesus. We have built war economies that make conflict profitable. We have created societies that justify the violence of food and housing insecurity, racism, discrimination, homophobia, transphobia, and marginalization. God of Grace, in this hurting and desperate world, have mercy upon us. Amen**

**Special Music** *When You Prayed Beneath the Trees*

Christopher Idle and Lloyd Larsen

**Station Four -** *Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Christ*

**Scripture:** John 18: 12-18

**Through Peter’s Eyes**

**Congregational Response**

**Merciful God, we confess that, too often, we’ve been inactive bystanders in the face**

**Of someone else’s victimization.**

**Forgive us choosing self-preservation**

**over justice.**

**Amen.**

**Special Music** *Deep Were His Wounds* Leland Sateren

**Station Five -** *Peter denies Christ again and again*

**Scripture:** John 18: 19-27

**Through Peter’s Eyes**

**Congregational Response**

**Station Six -** *Jesus is Crucified*

**Scripture:** John 19: 1-30

**Through Peter’s Eyes**

**Scripture:** John 19: 38-42

**Hymn** VU 144 Were You There

**Parting Words**

**Hymn** VU 182 Stay with Us Through the Night

**Postlude** *Were You There* arr. Faye Lopez

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*Saint Peter in Tears* by [Bartolomé Esteban Murillo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bartolom%C3%A9_Esteban_Murillo) (1617–1682)