

**A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of:
Jesus of Nazareth**

**St Paul's United Church
Grande Prairie, Alberta
April 14, 2017**

PRELUDE: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Laurie Anderson

(Bolded sections are said in unison)

Scripture Sentences

Psalm 121

Introduction

Opening Prayer

**Almighty and ever-loving God,
Thank you for this time we have together
to gather and reflect on Jesus' life:
you knew Jesus through and through,
you loved him from the moment he was conceived.
You were with him on the day of his birth, and on the day of
his death.
You gave him a good life, a wonderful family,
he loved them deeply and they loved him deeply in return.
You walked with him in good times and hard times,
you were with him even on this dark Friday.
Be with us today in our tears, in our aching hearts
in the smiles that memories bring
as we grieve and remember Jesus.
Be with us now, Amen.**

Hymn VU136 O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile

Words of Remembrance

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

**God of the living and the dead,
we are burdened by the things we have done
and by the things we have not done.
We have not always loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not always loved our neighbour as ourselves.
We remember our broken promises and missed opportunities;
the times we have taken your gifts for granted,
the times we have fled from or ignored your love.
Forgive us; comfort and heal us,
that we may walk in Your freedom and grace.**

...time of silent prayer...

In his life and ministry Jesus reminded many people that they were Children of Abraham. Jesus reminds us of the God who created us, the One who looked at creation and said "it is good". Hear now the words with which Jesus offered healing: "you are forgiven" Thanks be to God.

AMEN

Gift of Music: Who Is That Man?

Sr. Choir

Scripture Readings

Psalm 22: 1-22 (VU p.744)

Isaiah 53:1-9

Luke 23:33-38, 44-49

Hymn VU154 Why Has God Forsaken Me

Tributes

Commendation (A Jewish Funeral Prayer)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU182 Stay With Us

*Resources for Today's service came from:
<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/2013/02/good-friday-service-a-funeral-for-jesus.html>
and from <http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/funeral-prayers/jewish-funeral-prayer.htm>*