

Welcome

Hymn – VU # 120 - ‘O Jesus, I have promised’

Prayer

"Holy and Merciful God, we gather today in the shadow of the cross. We confess, Lord, we have often been part of the crowd, distracted by our own lives. But today, we choose to stand at the foot of the Cross, and once again be reminded of Your gift of love to us. Open our hearts to the mystery of this day. This we pray in the mighty name of Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

First Saying from the Cross:

**“Father, forgive them; they don’t know what they are doing.”**

Hymn – VU # 135 – verse 2 only

‘Beneath the Cross of Jesus’

Upon the Cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my smitten heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of His glorious love,  
and my unworthiness.

Second Saying from the Cross:

**“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise”**

Hymn - VU # 145 – verse 2 only

‘O Sacred Head Now Wounded’

Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinner’s gain.  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the cruel pain.  
Lo, here I fall, dear Saviour, turn not from me thy face;  
but look on me with favour, and grant to me Thy grace.

Third Saying from the Cross:

**“Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”**

Fourth Saying from the Cross:

**“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”  
("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")**

Hymn – VU # 149 – verse 3 only

‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love, flow mingled down!  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown!

Fifth Saying from the Cross:

**“I thirst.”**

Hymn – VU # 149 – verse 3 only

‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love, flow mingled down!  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown!

Sixth Saying from the Cross:

**“It is finished!”**

Hymn – VU # 152– verses 2 & 3

‘There is a Green Hill Far Away’

We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains he had to bear.  
But we believe it was for us,  
he hung and suffered there.

There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
His death has opened wide the gate  
of Heaven, to let us in.

Seventh Saying from the Cross:

**"Father, into Your hands I commit my Spirit."**

CHOIR – 'Were You There?'

Prayer

Thank you, O Holy One, for your gift of salvation. May we always keep You at the front of all we do, say, think. This we ask in your most Holy Name. Amen.

**Choral Blessing -VU # 142**

**Jesus , Keep Me Near the Cross, 1<sup>st</sup> verse only.**

Jesus, keep me near the cross;  
there a precious fountain  
free to all a healing stream  
flows from Calvary's mountain.

**Refrain:**

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

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April 5 - Easter Sunday

An Easter Sunrise Service on the top of Carl Leggett's drumlin should be on everyone's bucket list! That said, when rain is forecast such as it is this year, being on the top of that drumlin in the dark and with rain coming down, leaves a little to be desired! As such, Portland UC will host a Joint Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge 'Inside' Sunrise Service at 7:45 a.m., followed by a Continental Breakfast.

Portland Easter Service with Communion - 9:15 am

Elgin Easter Service with Communion - 11:00 am

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 3, 2025 – 7:00 PM**



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**ELGIN UNITED CHURCH**