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**Melville United Church
Sunday, April 18, 2014
Good Friday**

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Prelude: Improvisation

Call to Worship:

The Cross judges us.

**Can the evil and the powerful ones gain such a hold, that the good
will be sacrificed?**

The Cross calls us to compassion.

**Can we stand idly by, while God's cherished ones are suffering so
intensely?**

The Cross questions our loyalty.

The disciples are hiding when Jesus is dying.

Where are we when the cost of friendship is high?

The Cross signs God's lasting love,

and we remain eternally in its shadow.

Opening Prayer:

***Hymn:** Beneath the Cross of Jesus

VU 135

Reading: Luke 22:39-48; Matthew 27:3-5

Reflection: Greed

Reading: Luke 22:54-62

Reflection: Fear

Reading: John 18:28-40

Reflection: Pride

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Ministry of Music: In Pilate's Hall

Reading: John 19:1-11a

Reflection: Envy

***Hymn:** O Sacred Head (Vs 1, 3)

VU 145

Reading: Luke 23:13-25

Reflection: Helplessness

Reading: Luke 23:32-38

Reflection: Anger

***Hymn:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

VU 149

Prayer of the People, Prayer of Jesus

Reading: Luke 23:39-43

Reflection: Forgiveness

Sung Response: Take, O Take Me as I Am (sung twice) **MV 85**

Reading: Luke 23:44-46

Christ candle is extinguished

***Hymn:** Were You There

VU 144

Everyone is invited to leave in silence.