

Good Friday Procession of the Cross



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Rev. Jane McCaig, centre, of St. Thomas Anglican Church, assisted by Pat McNally, right, carries the wooden cross at the ecumenical Procession of the Cross service which was held at Stittsville United Church in Stittsville last Friday, March 25 which was Good Friday.

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A basket of bread. A cup for wine. A flowering plant. A bag of coins. A spear. The image of a rooster. A crown of thorns. A sponge. Dice. A cross. A piece of torn cloth.

All of these were symbols used in telling Christ's Good Friday story at the annual Good Friday Procession of the Cross in Stittsville last Friday which was Good Friday.

Because of weather conditions which made for potentially treacherous walking conditions due to overnight freezing rain which had given a icy glare to the snowy landscape, a decision was made to hold the whole Good Friday Procession at Stittsville United Church.

The plan was for the Good Friday Procession of the Cross to begin at Stittsville United Church and then for a wooden cross to be carried in a procession along Stittsville Main Street, stopping along the way at

St. Thomas Anglican Church, the Community Bible Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Because of the impact of the weather, each participating church held its part of the Good Friday Procession at Stittsville United Church.

After each church's participation, the wooden cross was carried around the interior of Stittsville United Church.

Each church relayed a particular section of the story of Christ's Good Friday Walk.

For Stittsville United Church, it was "Jesus Shares The Last Supper" and "Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane."

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The symbols for these which were placed on a table in the sanctuary were a basket of bread, a cup for wine and a flowering plant.

St. Thomas Anglican Church presented a section involving "Jesus is Betrayed" and "Jesus is Arrested." The symbols for these which were placed on the table were a bag of coins and a spear.

The Community Bible Church presented a section involving "Jesus is Denied" and "Jesus is Mocked." The symbols for these which were placed on the table with the other symbols were the image of a rooster

and a crown of thorns.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church presented the final section "Jesus is Crucified." Symbols for this section which were placed on the table were a sponge, dice, a cross and a piece of torn cloth.

Each section of this Good Friday Procession of the Cross involved a Scripture reading and the singing of a chorus. The service also included hymns including "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." There were also responsive readings in a couple of the sections.
