

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion



The Ministry of the Word

Celebrant All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

People And the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Celebrant Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

People Even death on a cross.

Silence

Celebrant Almighty God,
All our heavenly Father,
 we have sinned
 in thought and word and deed;
 we have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 We pray you of your mercy,
 forgive us all that is past,
 and grant that we may serve you
 in newness of life
 to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
look graciously, we pray, on this your family,
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for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
was willing to be betrayed
and given into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading *Isaiah 52:13–53:12* (NRSV)

13 See, my servant will prosper;
he will be highly exalted.

14 But many were amazed when they saw him.*

His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human,
and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a
man.

15 And he will startle* many nations.

Kings will stand speechless in his presence.

For they will see what they had not been told;

they will understand what they had not heard about.*

1 Who has believed our message?

To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?

2 My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot,
like a root in dry ground.

There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance,
nothing to attract us to him.

3 He was despised and rejected—
a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.

He was despised, and we did not care.

**4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;
it was our sorrows* that weighed him down.**

**And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,
a punishment for his own sins!**

**5 But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.**

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.
We have left God's paths to follow our own.
Yet the LORD laid on him
the sins of us all.

7 He was oppressed and treated harshly,
yet he never said a word.
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.
And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

8 Unjustly condemned,
he was led away.*

No one cared that he died without descendants,
that his life was cut short in midstream.*

But he was struck down
for the rebellion of my people.

9 He had done no wrong
and had never deceived anyone.

But he was buried like a criminal;
he was put in a rich man's grave.

10 But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him
and cause him grief.

Yet when his life is made an offering for sin,
he will have many descendants.

He will enjoy a long life,
and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands.

11 When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish,
he will be satisfied.

And because of his experience,
my righteous servant will make it possible
for many to be counted righteous,
for he will bear all their sins.

12 I will give him the honours of a victorious soldier,
because he exposed himself to death.

He was counted among the rebels.

He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

**7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

**8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”**

**9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.**

**10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

**11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.**

**12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

**13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

**14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint*
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

**15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

**16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers
circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.**

**17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

**18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

**19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.**

**20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

**21 I will declare your name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”**

**26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.**

**28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve
him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet
unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.**

Second Reading *Hebrews 10:16–25* (NRSV)

**16 “This is the new covenant I will make
with my people on that day,* says the LORD:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”***

**17 Then he says,
“I will never again remember
their sins and lawless deeds.”**

18 And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

19 And so, dear brothers and sisters,* we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.

20 By his death,* Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. 21 And

since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with

sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to

make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

192 Were you there

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord!

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

The Passion

The term “the Jews” in St John’s Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.

The congregation may be seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19.17) at which time all stand. The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner.

The Passion is read in parts. Please join in where it say “All”

The Passion

Narrator Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Narrator Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus

Whom are you looking for?

Narrator

They answered,

All

Jesus of Nazareth. *Narrator* Jesus replied,
Jesus I am he.

Narrator

Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus

Whom are you looking for?

Narrator

And they said,

All

Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator

Jesus answered,

Jesus

I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

Narrator

This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

Narrator So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

Reader: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

Narrator Peter said,

Reader: I am not.

Narrator Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

Narrator When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

Reader: Is that how you answer the high priest?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

Narrator Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

All You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

Narrator Peter denied it and said,

Reader. I am not.

Narrator One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Reader. Did I not see you in the garden with him?

Narrator Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Reader: What accusation do you bring against this man?

Narrator They answered,

All If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Reader: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

Narrator The Jews replied,

All We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

Narrator (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Reader: Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

Narrator Pilate replied,

Reader: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

Narrator Pilate asked him,

Reader: So you are a king? *Narrator* Jesus answered,

Jesus You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Narrator Pilate asked him,

Reader: What is truth?

Narrator After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Reader. I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator They shouted in reply,

All Not this man, but Barabbas!

Narrator Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

All Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Reader: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

Narrator So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Reader: Here is the man!

Narrator When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

All Crucify him! Crucify him!

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Reader. Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

Narrator The Jews answered him,

All We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

Narrator Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Reader: Where are you from?

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Reader: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

Narrator Jesus answered him,

Jesus You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

Narrator From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

All If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

Narrator When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,

Reader: Here is your King!

Narrator They cried out,

All Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Reader: Shall I crucify your King?

Narrator The chief priests answered,

All We have no king but the emperor.

Narrator Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called ***Golgotha***. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

Narrator Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,
All Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

Narrator Pilate answered,

Reader: What I have written I have written.

Narrator When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

All Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

Narrator This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus Woman, here is your son. Narrator Then he said to the disciple, Jesus Here is your mother.

Narrator And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture),

Jesus I am thirsty.

Narrator A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus It is finished.

Narrator Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

After a short pause, the narrator continues.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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Jesus, remember me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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The Solemn Intercession

Celebrant

Dear people of God,
our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved,
that all who believe in him
might be delivered from the power of sin and death
and become heirs with him of eternal life.

Let us pray for the one holy catholic
and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world:
for its unity in witness and service,
for all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve,
for Michael our bishop,
and all the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this community,
for those about to be baptized,

that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love,
and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people
is governed and sanctified.

Receive our supplications and prayers
which we offer before you
for all members of your holy Church,
that in our vocation and ministry
we may truly and devoutly serve you;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:
for Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family,
for Justin the Prime Minister
and for the government of this country,
for Doug the premier of this province
and the members of the legislature,
for Doug the mayor of this municipality
and those who serve with him
on the village council,
for all who serve the common good,

that by God's help
they may seek justice and truth,
and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God,
kindle, we pray, in every heart
the true love of peace,
and guide with your wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,
that justice and peace may increase,
until the earth is filled
with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer
and are afflicted in body or in mind:
for the hungry and homeless,
the destitute and the oppressed,
and all who suffer persecution or prejudice,
for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped,
for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish,
for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair,
for the sorrowful and bereaved,
for prisoners and captives
and those in mortal danger,

that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them,
and grant them the knowledge of his love,
and stir up in us the will and patience
to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God,
the comfort of all who sorrow,
the strength of all who suffer,
hear the cry of those in misery and need.
In their afflictions show them your mercy,
and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them,
for the sake of him who suffered for us,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all
who have not received the gospel of Christ:
for all who have not heard the words of salvation,
for all who have lost their faith,
for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ,
for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,
for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ,
and persecutors of his disciples,
for all who in the name of Christ
have persecuted others,

that God will open their hearts to the truth,
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God,
creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls,
have compassion on all who do not know you
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ.
Let your gospel be preached with grace and power
to those who have not heard it,
turn the hearts of those who resist it,
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray;
that there may be one flock under one shepherd,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to God,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that with all who have departed this life
and have died in the peace of Christ,
and those whose faith is known to God alone,
we may be accounted worthy
to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord,
and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery.

By the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation.

Let the whole world see and know
that things which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things are being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

Celebrant

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

People

Come let us worship.

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church,
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Testify against me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.

I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?

I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,
and you turned on them with persecution
and mass murder.

I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Send down your abundant blessing, Lord,
upon your people
who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son
in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.
May their faith grow stronger
and their eternal salvation be assured.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.