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The Liturgy of Good Friday  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.00 p.m.

# Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of  
the Liturgy of Good Friday.

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own  
church are welcome to come and receive communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this  
order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the  
service if you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins,  
a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept  
during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

*A bell is rung to begin our worship.*

*The hymns may be sung or listened to.*

# The Gathering

*The ministers enter in silence and lay prostrate before the altar. All kneel for a time of silent prayer*

## The Collect for Good Friday.

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading      Isaiah 52.13-53.12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him—  
so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals —  
so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised,  
and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Silence is kept*

Psalm 22

**Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.**

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

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but you do not answer; ♦  
and by night also, but I find no rest.

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

4 Our forebears trusted in you; ♦  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; ♦  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

**Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.**

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 deliver him, if he delights in him.'

9 But it is you that took me out of the womb ♦  
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 On you was I cast ever since I was born; ♦  
you are my God even from my mother's womb.

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

**Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.**

## New Testament Reading      Hebrews 10.16-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The Holy Spirit testifies to us, for after saying,

‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,  
says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds’,

he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Silence is kept*

## Hymn (95)

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**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?**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er His body on the tree;  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**



Isaac Watts

## The Passion Reading

*Please stand as you are able.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(no response)*

John 18.1-19.37

This is the Passion of the Lord. *(no response)*

*Silence is kept*

# Sermon

## The Prayers of Intercession

*We sit or kneel for our prayers*

*The prayers use this response*

Lord hear us,

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*At the end of the prayers we pray*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**



## Hymn (93)

**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 they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**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?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

# Reflective Reading- Salome's story

## The Proclamation of the Cross

A wooden cross is slowly brought from the back of the church to the front and placed in the sight of the people. As the cross is carried the procession stops three times and the following is said:

**Behold the cross on which hung the Saviour of the World.**

**Come, let us worship.**

A time of silent devotion is observed.

If you wish to make a sign of devotion (e.g. kneel in front of it, kiss or touch the cross then please come forward to do this)

We remain in silent prayer as the altar is laid in preparation for communion.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Lord's Prayer

*We sit or kneel.*

Remember us Lord in your heavenly kingdom,  
as we your children unite our prayers with your Son.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
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.**

# Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The President and people receive communion.*

*Communion is taken from the Reserved sacrament consecrated on Maundy Thursday.*

# The Conclusion

*Silence is kept.*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
set your passion, cross and death  
between your judgement and our souls,  
now and in the hour of our death.  
Grant mercy and grace to the living,  
rest to the departed,  
to your Church peace and concord  
and to us sinners forgiveness,  
and everlasting life and glory;  
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
you are alive and reign,  
God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The clergy and people depart in silence.*

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