

Good Friday
The Lord's Passion
A Ministry of the Word

Celebrant All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned everyone to their 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 may be kept.

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,
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.

Readings

Isaiah 52.13—53.12



The Suffering Servant

*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.*

Psalm 22

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

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

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

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.

**They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing. Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A concluding prayer:

**Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in
anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame
the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not
hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry,
strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed,
that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask
in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

John 18.1—19.42

The customary Gospel responses are omitted at the Readings of the Passion.

Reader The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Then may follow a sermon.

A hymn may be sung.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*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 through 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 a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

The Solemn Intercession

A person appointed says to the people,

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 Linda, our Primate
Ron and bishop and Metropolitan,
and all the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this community,
for those who have been preparing for baptism and confirmation
that the Lord will strengthen the 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* our Prime Minister
and for the government of this country,
for *Stephen* the premier of this province
and the members of the legislature,
for *Michael* the mayor of this municipality
and those who serve with *him*
on the Municipal council,
for Dr. Robert Strang, our chief medical officer of health,
and for all who serve the common good,
that by God's help
they may seek justice and truth,
and live in peace, safety, 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,
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.**

Prayer

Holy God,
your Son Jesus Christ carried our sins
in his own body on the tree,
so that we might have life.
May we and all who remember this day
find new life in him,
now and in the world to come,
where he lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
**All we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Give mercy and grace to the living,
pardon and rest to the dead,
to your holy Church peace and concord,
and to us sinners everlasting life and glory;
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you live and reign,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Music Interlude for Reflection

Gabriel's Oboe - Ennio Morricone

*The service ends with the following prayer.
No blessing or dismissal is added.*

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.

Amen

The service ends in silence.