

Good Friday

Celebrant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to their own way,
All **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Celebrant Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
All **Even death on a cross.**

Silence is kept

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **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. **Amen.**

Reading **Isaiah 52:13: - 53:12**

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. herefore 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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 ravener 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-sherd;
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.**

***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 bonds of the oppressed; that your people may
rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.***

Reading Hebrews 10:16-25

"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^[a] 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.

Reader **The word of the Lord.**
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Please be seated as the Passion of Christ is read from the Gospel of John

Reflection **The Rev. Canon Gloria Master**

Solemn Intercessions

(Please stand, kneel or sit as you prefer.)

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.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic church throughout the world: for the unity of its witness and service; for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve: for Andrew, diocesan Bishop of Toronto; for Riscylla and Kevin, Suffragan Bishops in the Diocese of Toronto; for Anne our Metropolitan, and for Linda our Primate; for the people of this Diocese of Toronto; for the people of St. Paul's; for all people of faith in this community of Lindsay; 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

Celebrant

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**

Intercessor

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 the Prime Minister and for the government of this country; for the premier of this province and for the members of the legislature; for the elected leadership of our municipalities and 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

Celebrant

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.**

Intercessor

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 those who live with physical or intellectual challenges; for those in loneliness, fear and anguish; for those who face temptation, doubt and despair; for the sorrowful and the bereaved; for prisoners, captives and for those in mortal danger: that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Celebrant

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.**

Intercessor

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

Celebrant

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 and one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessor

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 with those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence,

Celebrant

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things that 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

(Please sit or kneel as is comfortable for you.)

Celebrant Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant

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.

All

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

Celebrant

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.

All

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

Celebrant

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.

All

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

Celebrant

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.

All

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

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

Were You There?

Verses 1, 2 & 3

Holy Communion For those who wish to receive, *Communion will be administered from the reserved sacrament.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

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 forever. Amen.

It is Friday

And I stand at the foot of the cross.

Nothing can be said, nothing can be done.

Action is futile .

I can hold the other's hands and weep, but I cannot be comforted.

It is Friday

And I stand at the foot of the cross.

The air is heavy still with waiting and longing.

Waiting for the inevitable, longing for the impossible.

Can this cup pass from me?

I look around me – all the colors are muted.

Dusty browns and grays – Cold and metallic.

Rolling black clouds cover the brilliant blue of the sky

As my soul is occluded by pain.

All that remains is the red of the blood

Running down the weathered wood of the cross.

It is Friday

And I stand at the foot of the cross.

I reach out and touch the raised grain of the wood.

It is rough against my fingertips.

The pong of unwashed wool and bodies crowds my nose.

I smell fear, pain, death. I taste it at the back of my throat.

I hear the labored breathing from the cross.

Death is near.

It is Friday

And I stand at the foot of the cross.

Remember Him!

Remember Him as the silver cord is severed, as the golden bowl is broken.

Remember Him as the pitcher is shattered at the spring and the wheel broken at the well.

Remember Him as the dust returns to the ground it came from and

His spirit returns to the God who gave it.

**It is Friday
And I stand at the foot of the cross.**