

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Good Friday
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
1 p.m. 2 April 2021

Opening Greeting:

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

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

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God,
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

The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.

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.**

Isaiah 52.13—53.12

Anthem: **Stabat Mater**

Pergolesi

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.**

Hebrews 10.16–25

Gradual Hymn **545 There is a green hill far away**

Horsley

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| <p>1. There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where our dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.</p> | <p>3. He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.</p> |
| <p>2. We may not know, we cannot tell
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.</p> | <p>4. There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.</p> |
| <p>5. O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.</p> | |

The Holy Gospel: John 18.1—19.42
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev’d Samuel Rose

The Solemn Intercession

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...

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 Samuel 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 Andrew the Premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Danny the Mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on the city 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.**

Hymn 140 O Sacred head! Sore wounded

Passion Chorale

1. O sacred head! Sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
O Kingly head! Surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
once reigning in the highest
in light and majesty,
here mocked and scorned thou diest,
and here I worship thee.

2. Thy grief and bitter Passion
were all for sinners' gain;
Mine – mine was the transgression
but thine the cruel pain:
Lo! Here I fall, my Saviour,
turn not from me thy face,
but look on me with favour,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

3. Be near when I am dying;
O show thy Cross to me;
Thy death, my hope supplying,
from fear shall set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for he who dies believing
dies safely in thy love.

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

Come let us worship.

Anthem 1

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.

**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.**

Anthem 2

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
**And praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.
**Let your ways be known upon the earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
**We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

Anthem 3

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Anthem 4

O Saviour of the world,
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Hymn **593 When I survey the wondrous cross**

Rockingham

1. 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.

3. 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?

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the Cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

4. 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.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 them that 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.

Closing Prayer

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.**