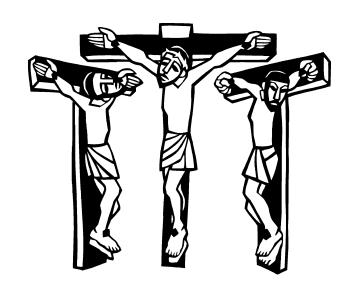
April 17, 205 Good Friday

Worshipers arrive in silence.



Please stand

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned and gone our own way.

And on One has been laid the iniquity of us all.

Christ became obedient unto death,

Even death on a cross.

Gracious God, on this day we gather to remember with love and tears the suffering and death of Jesus of Nazareth. We believe that this despised and rejected man of sorrows has borne our griefs and has been wounded for our transgressions. We come to this worship in deep repentance for our individual sins and in recommitment of our lives to end suffering, pain, and death in all times and all places.

Amen

Man of Sorrows



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?

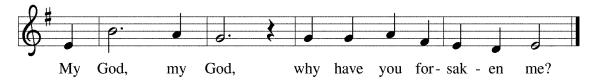
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

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.
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: Psalm 22 (spoken together in unison with sung refrain)



¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

 ³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
 ⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them. R

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame. ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

8"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him." R



- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me. R
- ¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

- 15My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;

they pierce my hands and my feet. R

¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. R

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your

hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations. R

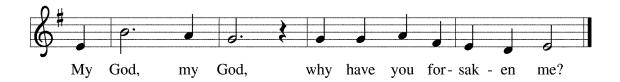
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" R



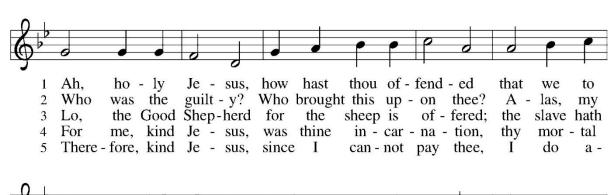
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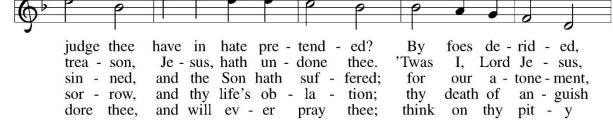
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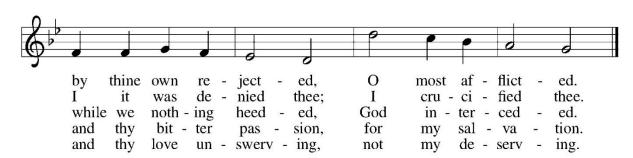
- verse 1 near the beginning of the reading
- verse 2 in the middle of reading
- verse 3 near the end of the reading
- 1. Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power; Your redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2. Follow to the judgement hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3. Calvary mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

HYMN

AH, HOLY JESUS







HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED



BIDDING PRAYER

Following each petition, the minister will pray: "We ask in Jesus' name," to which the congregation responds: **Amen**

Let us pray, sisters and brothers, for the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Christian Church throughout the world.

Most High and Eternal God, you have shown us your divinity in the humanity of Jesus of Nazareth – the one we proclaim as Christ. By your Holy Spirit, guide those who gather as the Church of Christ all around the world. Help this Church to persevere in faith and bring the good news of new life in Christ to all people in word and in deed. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for our Bishops: Anne Germond, Susan Johnson, Susan Bell, and Carla Blakley, for pastors and priests, deacons, teachers, musicians, leaders, artists, and all who serve in the church, and for all the people of God.

Most High and Eternal God, your Spirit guides us and makes our gatherings holy. Strengthen and uphold all who hold office and responsibility in the Church. Move them to wholeness in body, mind and spirit, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for the unity of the Church.

Most High and Eternal God, faith in your will for abundant life is what unites your people. Look with favour on all who follow Jesus, making us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters, whose ancestors were the first hear the word of God.

Most High and Eternal God, long ago you gave the promise to Abraham and Sarah and your teaching to Moses and Miriam. May their descendants, whom we call our neighbours and our friends both at home and around the world, receive the fulfillment of all your covenant promises. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. Most High and Eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you using different names, and who have inherited different traditions and scriptures: Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Baha'i, and all who draw on their faith for meaning and hope in life. Help us end inter-religious strife; and make those of us who call ourselves Christian more faithful witnesses of the love that has been made known to us in Christ. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who place no faith in the concept of divinity. Most High and Eternal God, you created humanity so that all might know peace and have abundant life, a life we find most fully revealed in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Help us to respect and honour those who strive for these same values, but seek them in science, reason, and their own individual experience, and help us work together with them in any way that brings peace and justice to a warring and hurting world. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for Creation.

Most High and Eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent and awesome universe, and you a make us gardeners on this place we call earth. Help us to be faithful stewards as individuals and as church so that the love you have for your people might be fully revealed in nature. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office, the civil service, and the military.

Most High and Eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and the oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority with the power of the state at their disposal, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Let us pray for those in need.

Most High and Eternal God, you give strength to the weary and courage to those who are in danger of losing heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, console those who mourn, give safety to

travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which Jesus himself would have us ask, praying:

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,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

All stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. **Oh, come, let us worship Christ.**

The cross is processed to the mid-point of the church.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. **Oh, come, let us worship Christ.**

The cross is processed to the chancel.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. **Oh, come, let us worship Christ.**

HYMN: Where You There? (Verses 1 to 5 only)



5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

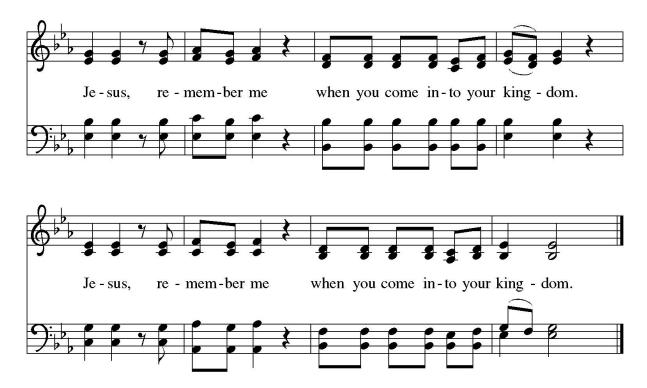
Please be seated.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

You are invited to come forward and venerate the cross when and as you feel comfortable to do so to spend some time in prayer at the foot of the cross.

Various items have been prepared and made available to you that symbolize the pain we cause ourselves and others. You are invited to pick up one or more of these items and lay them at the foot of the cross as you pray.

As this takes place, we sing together "Jesus, Remember Me."



When all have returned to their seats the presiding minister invites the congregation to stand, and the service concludes with these words:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Send down your abundant blessing, O God, upon your people. Grant us pardon; bring us comfort. May our faith grow stronger and, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, may our future be assured. We pray in the name of Christ.

Amen

All depart in silence. (You are welcome to remain in your seat for a time of silent reflection. When you chose to leave, please do so in silence.)

Offerings and offering envelopes may be left in the offering plates at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

Easter Sunday worship takes place at: 8:30 a.m. (Spoken Book of Common Prayer Service) 10:00 a.m. (A full service with sung liturgy)