**Good Friday 2020**

Blessed be our God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen**.

Let us pray.

Silence

Eternal God,

in the cross of Jesus

we see the cost of our sin

and the depth of your love:

in humble hope and fear

may we place at his feet

all that we have and all that we are,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Delayne will read to us from Isaiah

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

13See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

14Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—

15so 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?

2For 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.

3He 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.

4Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

5But 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.

6All 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.

7He 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.

8By 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.

9They 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.

10Yet 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.

11Out 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.

12Therefore 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.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 22:1-19**

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.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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

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

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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 not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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

“You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you; let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Yet you are the one 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.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken 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 God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; 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.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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

hey divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Katherine will read to us from the letter to the Hebrews

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

14Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

16Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Music:** We listen to the Taize chant Jesus, Remember Me

**Gospel Reading** Art and Linda will read the Passion Narrative

**Music**: As we spend some reflecting on the Gospel, we listen to Steven playing Via Dolorosa

**THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION**

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 Melissa our Archbishop, and all the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this community,  
for those preparing to be baptised,  
that God will confirm the Church in faith,

increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

God of love**Grant our prayer***.*

*Silence*

Faithful and compassionate God,  
your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy;  
hear the prayers we offer,  
that in the particular ministry  
to which you have called us,  
we may serve you faithfully,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,  
and for those in authority among them:  
for Justin the Prime Minister  
and for the government of this country,  
for our mayors  
and those who serve with them on council,  
for all who serve the common good,  
that by God’s help they may seek justice and truth,  
that all might live in peace and harmony.

God of love**Grant our prayer***.*

*Silence*

Faithful and compassionate God,  
kindle, we pray, in every heart  
the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom those in authority,  
that justice, peace, and freedom may increase,  
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**.

Let us pray for all who suffer:  
for the hungry and the homeless,  
the deprived and the oppressed,  
for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped,  
for those in loneliness and in fear,  
for those in confusion, doubt, and despair,  
for the sorrowful and bereaved,  
for prisoners,  
and all at the point of death,  
that God’s love will comfort and sustain them, and that we may be stirred up to minister to them.

God of love**Grant our prayer***.*

*Silence*

Faithful and compassionate God,  
the comfort of all who sorrow,  
the strength of all who suffer,  
hear the cry of all who call on you in any trouble,  
grant them the joy  
of receiving your help in their need,  
and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**.

Let us pray for all who do not believe the gospel of Christ:  
for those who have never heard the message of  
salvation,  
for those who have lost their faith,  
for those who are indifferent to Christ,  
for those who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,  
and persecute Christ’s disciples,  
for those 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.

God of love**Grant our prayer***.*

*Silence*

Faithful and compassionate God,  
you create and love all the peoples of the earth;  
may your good news be so lived and proclaimed,  
that all are brought home to your presence,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**.

Let us commit ourselves to God,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that with all who have died in the peace of Christ,  
and with those whose faith is known to God alone,  
we may enter the fullness of life  
in the joy of Christ’s resurrection.

God of love**Grant our prayer***.*

*Silence*

God, our refuge and strength,  
accept the fervent prayers of your people,  
and bring to fulfilment your plan for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ your Firstborn,  
who is alive with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Let us ask God to forgive our sins  
and to help us forgive those who sin against us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Meditation on the Cross of Jesus**

This is the wood of the cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

**Come let us worship.**

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.**

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

*Silence*

God of our redemption,  
abundantly bless your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of Christ;  
grant us forgiveness, renew us, strengthen our faith,  
and increase in us the fullness of life;  
we ask this through Christ our Saviour. **Amen**.

**Music** -Were you there when they crucified my Lord

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