*Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Philippians 2:8-9)*

Friday, April 2, 2021: Good Friday

**Opening Song: How Deep the Father’s Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

**The Ministry of the Word**

Celebrant: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his 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.**

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.**

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.

**The Reading of Scripture**

First 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.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: 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-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.*

*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.*

**Worship Through Song**

***The Wonderful 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

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

(*Chorus*) O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die

And find that I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here

By grace draw near and bless Your name

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

(*To Chorus*)

***Loving Kindness***

Let praises now awake the dawn

We'll greet Your mercy with a song

Your people stand and sing for all

Your lovingkindness

You’ve carried us in faithfulness

Upon the paths of righteousness

Our gracious King

You’ve crowned us with

Your lovingkindness

(*Chorus*) How great Your lovingkindness

O God of goodness

Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain

Of grace that saved us

Of sweet forgiveness

O how great is Your lovingkindness

You lift us with a Father’s hand

You shelter us with Your commands

What heart could fully comprehend

Your mercies endless

You lead us through the shadows deep

Where doubts trace every step it seems

But as the darkness breaks we’ll see

The morning promise (*To Chorus*)

A life laid down to rescue us

With arms outstretched upon the cross  
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The greatest Gift there ever was

Of lovingkindness

A life laid down to rescue us

With arms outstretched upon the cross

The greatest Gift there ever was

Of lovingkindness

Your lovingkindness

(*To Chorus*)

**The Gospel Readings**

Celebrant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 18:1-18

*After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?” So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.*

John 18:19-40

*Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”*

*After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.*

John 19:1-16a

Reader: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying,

**All: “Hail, king of the Jews!”**

Reader: And they slapped him in the face. Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted,

**All: “Crucify! Crucify!”**

Reader: But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.” The Jewish leaders insisted,

**All: “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”**

Reader: When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.” When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaicis Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted,

**All: “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”**

Reader: “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

**All: “We have no king but Caesar,”**

Reader: the chief priests answered. Finally, Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

John 19:16b-40

*Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.” After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.*

**Quiet Meditation**

**The Solemn Intercession**

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.

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 Jane 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.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 Jason the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Don the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on the Edmonton 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.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**Meditation on the Cross of Jesus**

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

**All: Come let us worship.**

**Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silent Confession*

Celebrant:Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Song – Upon Him**

Upon a hill, a perfect Saviour  
Upon that day, the greatest love  
The punishment

That should have fallen on us  
Upon Him, upon Him

Upon His head a crown of thorns  
Upon His heart a broken world  
The wage of sin

The weight of our transgressions  
Upon Him, upon Him  
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(*Chorus*) Christ has died, we are forgiven  
And Christ alive, we are the risen  
And He shall come again  
Praise the King, praise the King

Upon our hearts His name is written  
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
We're pouring out

A song of praise together  
Upon Him, upon Him (*To Chorus*)

One name upon our lips: Jesus  
No greater name than this: Jesus  
And every knee will bow

Every heart confess

Jesus, Jesus (*To Chorus*)

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Holy God,

**All: 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. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** ***(Said)*** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: We break this bread,

**All: communion in Christ’s body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Communion**

*Please listen carefully to the verbal instructions given. You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please sanitize your hands as you approach the front of the church. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. If you would like to make an offering, please do so after you take the bread.*

***As you come forward for communion, please take a carnation and place it on the cross as an act of remembrance of Christ’s death upon the cross.***

**Communion Music**

***Dona Nobis Pacem***

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

***Your Mercy***

I once was lost, I walked away  
The road was dark, I could not see  
My hope was gone, the pain was real  
But Your mercy

You saw my steps, You felt my fears  
You heard my cries, You caught my tears  
Arms open wide, You ran to me  
With Your mercy

(*Chorus*)

Your mercy, Your mercy  
I stand before my king  
And bow my heart to sing  
You saved me, You raised me  
You died so I could live  
No greater love than this  
Your mercy, Your mercy

You give me life beyond the grave  
My deepest shame is cast away  
You sing a song that covers me  
It's Your mercy (*To Chorus*)

Your loving-kindness  
Leads me to repentance

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Lord let Your kindness  
Lead us to repentance

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Lead us to repentance (*To Chorus*)

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**Closing Song – Once Again**

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice  
You became nothing

Poured out to death  
Many times I've wondered  
At Your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again

(*Chorus*) Once again

I look upon the cross where You died  
I'm humbled by Your mercy

And I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank You  
Once again I pour out my life

Now You are

Exalted to the highest place  
King of the heavens

Where one day I'll bow  
But for now I marvel at this saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again  
I'm full of praise once again (*To Chorus*)

Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross, my Friend

(*To Chorus*)

**Blessing**

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 Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**