

Good Friday - April 2, 2021

Announcements

Moment of silent prayer

Call to Worship

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned everyone 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* ~

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.**

Collect of the Day

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Holy and Immortal One,
**hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest: heal all our
divisions, reconcile all who are estranged, console all who suffer, and
finally raise up to new life all that is bound by death. Amen.**

Hymn: "Were You There" (CP 192)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 (*Susan Parsons*)

Psalm 22:1-31 (*Gail Newell & Caroline Burgess*)

Hymn: "Stay With Us" (CP 194)

**Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.
Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness. (3x)**

Reflection

First Gospel: John 18:1-14 (*Roger Farrier*)

~ *Extinguishing of the Light* ~

Reflection

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (CP 190)

- 1. Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power.
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**
- 3. Calvary's 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 of Jesus Christ to die.**

2nd Gospel: John 18:15-24 (*Brigitte Stavrou*)

~ *Extinguishing of the Light* ~

Reflection

Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (CP 48)

- 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to us approached, our full homage to demand.**

Third Gospel Reading: John 18:25-32 (*Rachel Eaton*)

~ *Extinguishing of the Light* ~

Reflection

Hymn: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" (CP 179)

- 6f. God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath,
love as near as every breath.**

4th Gospel: John 18:33-19:16 (*Donna Bishop*)

~ *Extinguishing of the Light* ~

Reflection

Hymn: “To Mock Your Reign” (CP 191)

1. **To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now, that glorious is your crown,
that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.**

Fifth Gospel Reading: John 19:17-42 (*Julie Halfnights*)

~ *Extinguishing of the Light* ~

Reflection

~ *Silence* ~

Virtual Choir Anthem: “There is a Green Hill Far Away” (CP 202)

A Litany for Good Friday

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Savior taught 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**

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.

Hymn: “My Song is Love Unknown” (CP 184)

1. My song is love unknown, my Saviour’s love to me;
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

4. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and ‘gainst him rise.

5. They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

6. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

*At the end of this service,
there will be no Doxology, Blessing, or Dismissal offered.*