The Passion of Our Lord

- Good Friday –

St. Philip's Anglican Church

Vancouver, British Columbia

April 15, 2022, 12:00 noon

The Ministry of the Word

The congregation gather in the church in silence and are seated.

The assistants, choir, and clergy enter in silence.

All stand as they are able.

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.**

Silence is kept.

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.

The Collect of the Day

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.
All **Amen.**

Old Testament 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **O God, move our hearts and minds always to hear you.**

Gradual

Lamentations 1:12-14

Celebrant "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see.
People "**Is there any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of His fierce anger?**
Celebrant "From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;
People "**he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back; he has left me stunned, faint all day long.**
Celebrant "My transgressions were bound into a yoke; by his hand they were fastened together;
People **they weigh on my neck, sapping my strength; the Lord handed me over to those whom I cannot withstand."**

Epistle Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since, 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. For 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. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In 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. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *tune: CP 198*

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory And bliss did once combine;
Though now despised and gory, I joy to call You mine!

The term "the Jews" in St. John's Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. In celebrating the truth and power of the Passion narrative, Christians must always be as equally energetic in proclaiming, "Never again!" to anti-Semitism.

Reading John 18:12-18 ..... *Jesus is arrested.*

Celebrant Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound Him in chains and brought Him first 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 would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in. "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter. He replied, "I am not." It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

How pale You are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
Your face, Your eyes now languish, Which once were bright as morn.
Now from Your cheeks has vanished Their colour once so fair;
From loving lips is banished The splendour that was there.

Reading John 18:19-27 ..... *Jesus speaks truth; Peter lies.*

Celebrant Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question Me? Ask those who heard Me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck Him in the face. "Is this the way You answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike Me?" Then Annas sent Him, still

bound, to Caiaphas the high priest. As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with Him in the olive grove?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

All this for my transgression, My wayward soul to win;
This torment of Your Passion, To set me free from sin.
I cast myself before You, Your wrath my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore You, O Lord, condemn me not!

Reading John 18:28-40.....*Jesus faces interrogation before Pilate.*

Celebrant Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked,

Left side **"What charges are you bringing against this man?"**

Right side **"If He were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you," they replied.**

Left side **Pilate said, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law."**

Right side **"But we have no right to execute anyone,"**

Celebrant the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death He was going to die would be fulfilled. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him,

Left side **"Are you the king of the Jews?"**

Celebrant "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about Me?"

Right side **"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied, "It was Your people and Your chief priests who handed You over to me. What is it You have done?**

Celebrant Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place."

Left Side **"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.**

Celebrant Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

"What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against Him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?" They shouted back,

People **"No, not Him! Give us Barabbas!"**

Choir Tenebrae of Good Friday – III *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

O my choicest vine, I, even I have planted thee;
How art thou turned to bitterness, that thou shouldest crucify me, and let Barabbas go?
I fenced thee, and gathered out the stones from thee, and built a tower in the midst of thee;
How art thou turned to bitterness, that thou shouldst crucify me, and let Barabbas go?
O my choicest vine, I , even I have planted thee;
How art thou turned to bitterness, that thou shouldst crucify me, and let Barabbas go?

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Here will I stand beside You, Your death for me my plea;
Let all the world deride You, I clasp You close to me.
My awe cannot be spoken, To see You crucified;
But in Your body broken, Redeemed, I safely hide!

Reading John 19:1-7 ..... *Jesus' lordship is mocked with a crown of thorns.*

Celebrant 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, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck Him in the face. Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "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,

People **Crucify! Crucify!**

Celebrant But Pilate answered, "You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against Him." The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God."

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

What language can I borrow To thank You, dearest friend,
For this Your dying sorrow, Your mercy without end?
Bind me to You forever, Give courage from above;
Let not my weakness sever Your bond of lasting love.

Reading John 19:8-15 ..... *Pilate is persuaded by an angry mob.*

Celebrant 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 Jews kept shouting,

People **"If you let this Man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."**

Celebrant 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 Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your King," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted,

People **"Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!"**

Celebrant "Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Lord, be my consolation, My constant source of cheer;
Remind me of Your Passion, My shield when death is near.
I look in faith, believing That You have died for me;
Your cross and crown receiving, I live eternally.

The people stand as they are able.

Reading John 19:16-22 ..... *The crucifixion of Jesus.*

Celebrant Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified Him, and with Him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this Man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Hymn CP 190 – "Go to Dark Gethsemane" *(sung from the hymnal)*

Reading John 19:23-27 ..... *Soldiers gamble for Jesus' garments.*

Celebrant When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear

woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" *tune: CP 166*

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
This is Christ, by man rejected; Here, my soul, your Saviour see.
He's the long expected prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord.
Proofs I see sufficient of it: He's the true and faithful Word.

Reading John 19:28-30 ..... *Jesus' thirst is quenched with a bitter drink.*

Celebrant Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Choir Tenebrae of Good Friday – I *Healey Willan*

All my friends have forsaken me,
and they that laid snares for me have prevailed against me:
He whom I love hath betrayed me: and they with their terrible eyes,
piercing me with a cruel blow, gave me vinegar to drink.
They cast me out among the wicked and spared not my life.
And they with their terrible eyes, piercing me with a cruel blow, gave me vinegar to drink.

Hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Tell me, all who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like this?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.

Choir Tenebrae of Good Friday – II *Healey Willan*

The veil of the Temple was rent, and the whole earth did quake:
The thief from the cross cried out, saying, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."
The rocks were rent, and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose.
And the whole earth did quake: the thief from the cross cried out, saying,
"Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

Reading John 19:31-37 ..... *Jesus' body is speared to fulfill Holy Scripture.*

Celebrant Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore

came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of His bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

Hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

You who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load;
It's the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Reading John 19:38-42.....*Jesus' lifeless body is cared for.*

Celebrant Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

Sermon

The Solemn Intercession

All standing, an assisting minister says to the people,

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.

The people are directed to kneel, sit, or stand. The biddings are read by the Wardens. The priest says the collects.

Assistant 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 John 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

Celebrant 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.**

Assistant 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 John, the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Kennedy the mayor of this city 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

Celebrant 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.**

Assistant 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

Celebrant 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.**

Assistant 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

Celebrant 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.**

Assistant 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

Celebrant 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.**

Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

All **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 CP 192 – "Were You There," stanzas 1-5

Stanza 1: Solo
Stanza 2: Choir
Stanza 3: All
Stanza 4: All
Stanza 5: Choir & Solo

The Lord's Prayer *(said quietly)*

Celebrant Our Father,

All **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,
the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

A solitary lit candle is placed on the altar—a sign of hope in Christ's resurrection.

The tolling of a bell (33 tolls—one for each year of his earthly life) announces the death of Christ.

During the tolling, the assistants, choir, and clergy depart in silence.

The people leave in silence.

The service continues tomorrow evening, Holy Saturday, at 8:00 pm.