

Welcome to this house of prayer.

May you find peace.



# GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION *of*  
*the* LORD'S PASSION

April 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023 *at* 3 pm

*Please rise as Cantors and liturgical ministers enter the church in silence.*

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one 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.**

Let us pray.

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.**

*(Silence)*

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. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*The EPISTLE is given, from the Epistle to the Hebrews 10.16–25,  
after which the reader says Hear what the Spirit is saying to the  
people of God., and the congregation responds **Thanks be to God.***

*The PSALM 22  
Read by presider.*

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*The GOSPEL is read from the Book of John 18.1-19.42.*

*The Gospel responses are omitted at the Readings of the Passion.*

*The term "the Jews" in St John's Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we hold responsibility for his Cross.*

*The congregation may be seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19.17), at which time all rise, as able.*

## A HOMILY

### The REPROACHES

*O my people what have I done to you?*

*How have I offended you? Answer me!*

*I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom,  
but you led your Saviour to the cross.*

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.*

*For forty years I led you safely through the desert:*

*I fed you with manna from heaven:*

*and brought you to a land of plenty:*

*but you led your Saviour to the cross.*

*Holy God, holy and mighty,*

*holy immortal one have mercy upon us.*

*What more could I have done for you?*

*I planted you as my fairest vine.*

*But you yielded only bitterness.*

*When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink,  
and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.*

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.*

*I gave you a royal sceptre but you gave me a crown of thorns.*

*I raised you to the height of majesty,*

*but you have raised me high on a cross.*

*O my people what have I done to you?*

*How have I offended you? Answer me!*

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## The SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

*Please kneel, sit, or stand, as you are able.*

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 Susan 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. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples, for those in authority: for Charles our King and all the Royal Family, for Justin the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for Douglas the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Andrea the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with her 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*

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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. **Amen.**

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 strength 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. **Amen.**

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*

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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. **Amen.**

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 tranquility 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. **Amen.**

A HYMN

*O Sacred Head Surrounded* | CP 198

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## 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.**

## A HYMN

*Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle*



1. Sing my tongue the glo-rious bat - tle,      sing\_ the end-ing of\_ the fray;  
2. Faith - ful cross, thou sign of tri - umph,      now\_ for us the no - blest tree,  
3. Un - to God be praise and glo - ry;      to\_ the Fa-ther and\_ the Son,



now a - bove the cross the tro - phy,      sound the loud\_ tri - um - phant lay:  
none in fo - iage, none in blos - som,      none\_ in fruit\_ thy peer\_ may be;  
to the e - ter - nal Spi - rit ho - nour      now\_ and ev - er more be done;



tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er,      as\_ a vic - tim won the day.  
sym - bol of the world's re demp - tion,      for\_ the weight that hung on thee!  
praise and glo - ry in the high - est,      while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
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 forever. Amen.**

*The service ends with the following prayer,*

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.

*Please rise as the Cantors and liturgical  
ministers exit the church in silence.*



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