

Good Friday March 29, 2024

People enter silently.

The Ministry of the Word

When the congregation has assembled and the ministers, having entered in silence, are in their places, all stand.

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.
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.
<u>Day</u>
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
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. Amen

<u>Readings</u>

A reading from the book of Isaiah (52:13-53:12).

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
All	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-8 (Tune: CP #96 Creator of the Stars of Night)

1. God, why have you for - sa ken me, and why are vou 2. Yet ho - ly you are and the songs of praise of Is -3. But am mocked and put scorn, all those who see Ι to 4. A re - fuge you have been to me, my on - ly hope 1 a - way from my SO far com - plaint and my dis - tress are your throne; when our -rael an - ces - tors called on you, say, "You trust me laugh and in God, SO let us see since I was born; trou - ble is near me, none can help; æ 0 poured out be fore you night and day? saved res - cued you them. all your own. the help God of whom you pray." to sav iour leave for - lorn. my me not A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews (10:16-25). Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people All Thanks be to God. Hymn (CP #191) To Mock Your Reign (Tune: CP #508 Kingsfold - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say) 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.

2 In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.
They did not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame you will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.

3 A sceptred reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand, and acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,
your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (18:1-19:42).

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the reading, following the instructions on the inserted 'The Gospel According to John'. All are seated until John 19:17 when Golgotha is mentioned, at which time we stand.

Please note: The term 'the Jews' in the Gospel of John applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.

Sermon The Rev. Juli Mallett

Silence

Solemn Intercession

- 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.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God;all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 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?
- 4 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.

Silence

During a period of silence and the subsequent Good Friday anthems, members of the congregation are invited to pray, imitating the early followers of Jesus as they struggled to find meaning in his death and in the death of all who have suffered out of love for God. As we join our prayers to theirs, let us ask for God's help and strength.

A suggested prayer:

Dear Jesus, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross, that everyone might come within the reach of God's loving embrace. Clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who are lonely, afraid or oppressed to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your name. Amen.

The Reproach Anthem 1 Congregation Ho Ho	
Anthem 2	Adoremus te, Christe
Anthem 3 <i>All</i>	We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, who by your holy cross and passion have redeemed the world. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Message of M	usic "And the Mother did Weep" (Stabat Mater) Christine Eschman and Lois Ainey
The Lord's Pr <i>Celebrant</i>	ayer 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.

Presider	Send your abundant blessing, Loving God, upon your children who have remembered the death of your Son
	in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.
	Grant us pardon; bring us comfort.
	May our faith grow stronger
	and our eternal life be assured.
	We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All	Amen.

All leave in silence.

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Holy Week Services at St. Andrew's

- Holy Saturday March 30th 8 pm Easter Vigil service
- Easter Sunday March 31st 8 am and 10 am in the church

