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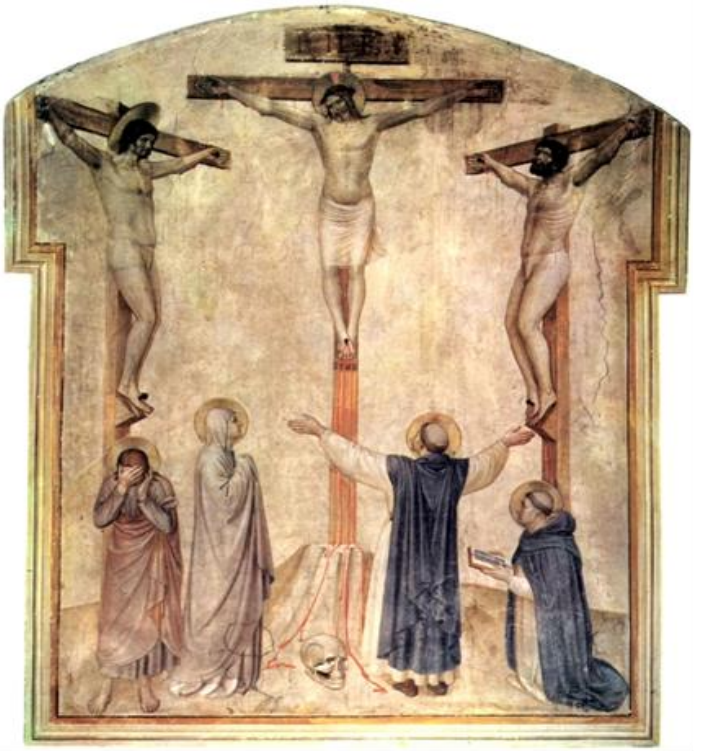

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Good Friday
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
March 29, 2024 10:30AM

The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Asst'nt Curate
Homilist: The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Organist: Helen Crowston

Reader: Linda Emptage

Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.

Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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The altar party enters in silence while all are seated.
When all are in their place, all stand as they are able.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Presider: 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.

Presider: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

People: Even death on a cross.

Silence is kept.

Presider: 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (said)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

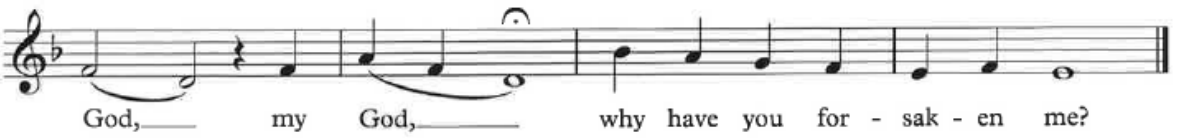
Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Psalm 22



The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.

(1) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
(2) and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
(3) O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
(4) by night as well, but I find no rest. ***Refrain.***

(1) Yet you are the Holy One,
(2) enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
(1) Our forebears put their trust in you;
(2) they trusted, and you delivered them.
(3) They cried out to you and were delivered;
(4) they trusted in you and were not put to shame. ***Refrain.***

(1) But as for me, I am a worm and worthless, scorned by all and despised by the people.
(2) All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
(3) "You trusted in God; let God deliver you,
(4) rescue you, and show delight in you." ***Refrain.***

(1) Yet you, O God, are the one who took me from the womb,
(2) and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
(3) I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
(4) you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. ***Refrain.***

(1) Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
(2) and there is none to help.
(3) Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
(4) They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. ***Refrain.***

(1) I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
(2) my heart within my breast is melting wax.
(3) My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
(4) and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. ***Refrain.***

(1) Packs of dogs close in on me,
(2) and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
(1) they pierce my hands and my feet;
(2) I can count all my bones.
(3) They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them;
(4) they cast lots for my clothing. ***Refrain.***

(1) Be not far away, O God;
(2) you are my strength; hasten to help me.
(1) Save me from the sword,
(2) my life from the power of the dog.
(3) Save me from the lion's mouth,
(4) my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. ***Refrain.***

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:1-19:42

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

NOTE: 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 are responsible for His death.

Please stand at the mention of Christ carrying His Cross to the place of the Skull.

Please be seated.

The Homily
The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell
Honorary Assistant

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN O Sacred Head, Surrounded # 198 (blue hymn book)

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

Please remain standing, as you are able.

Lay Reader: 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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Lay Reader: Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ
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Pray now for the nations of the world, for all peoples, and for all those in authority.

Silence

Presider: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart……
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……. through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

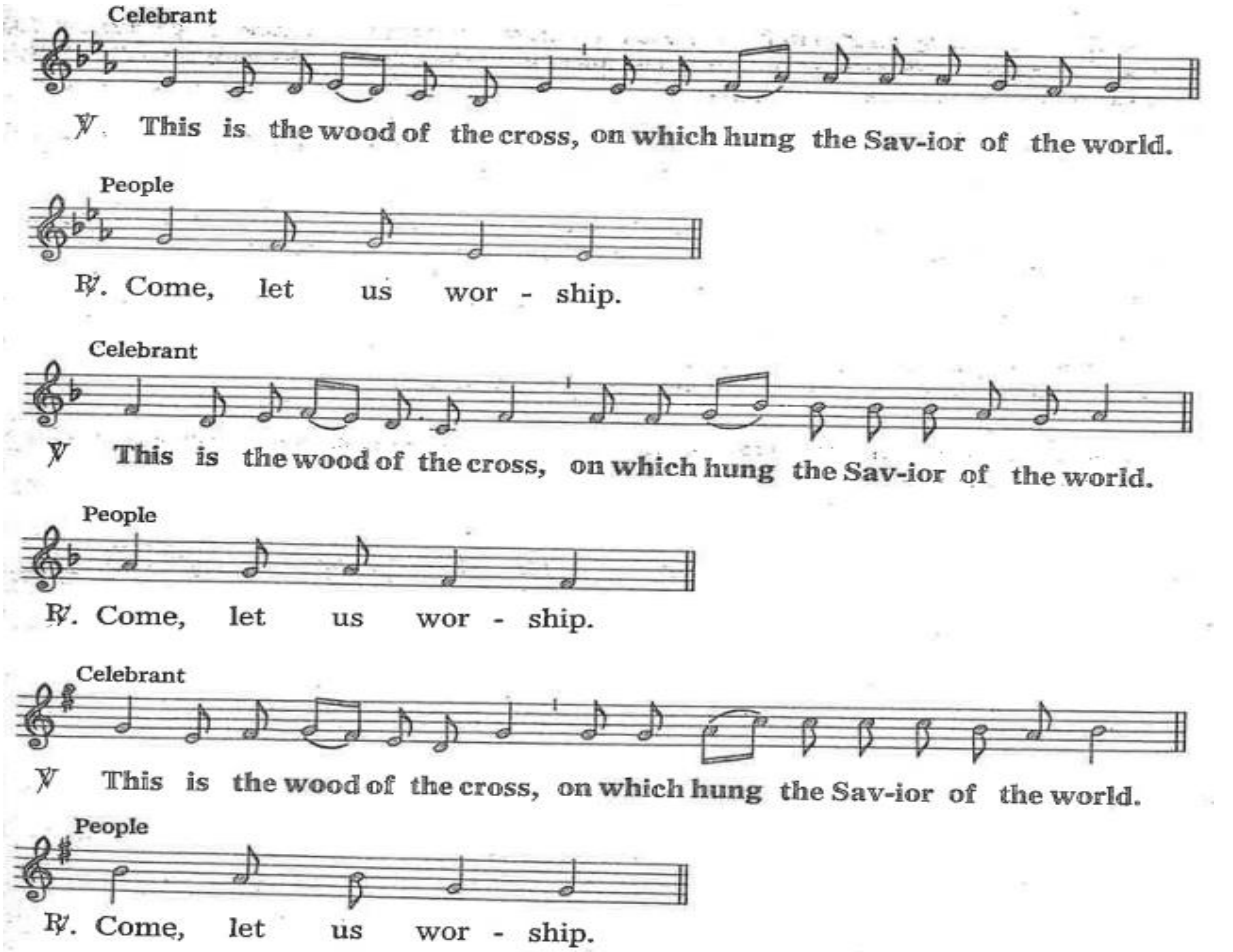
Presider: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, …… …… …… your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS

A wooden cross is processed to the front of the church. The procession stops three times, with the presider singing the following and the congregation responding.

THE INVITATION



THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

The congregation is invited to come forward in turn to venerate the cross – to stand or kneel before the cross and pray – while the following anthem is sung.

ANTHEM

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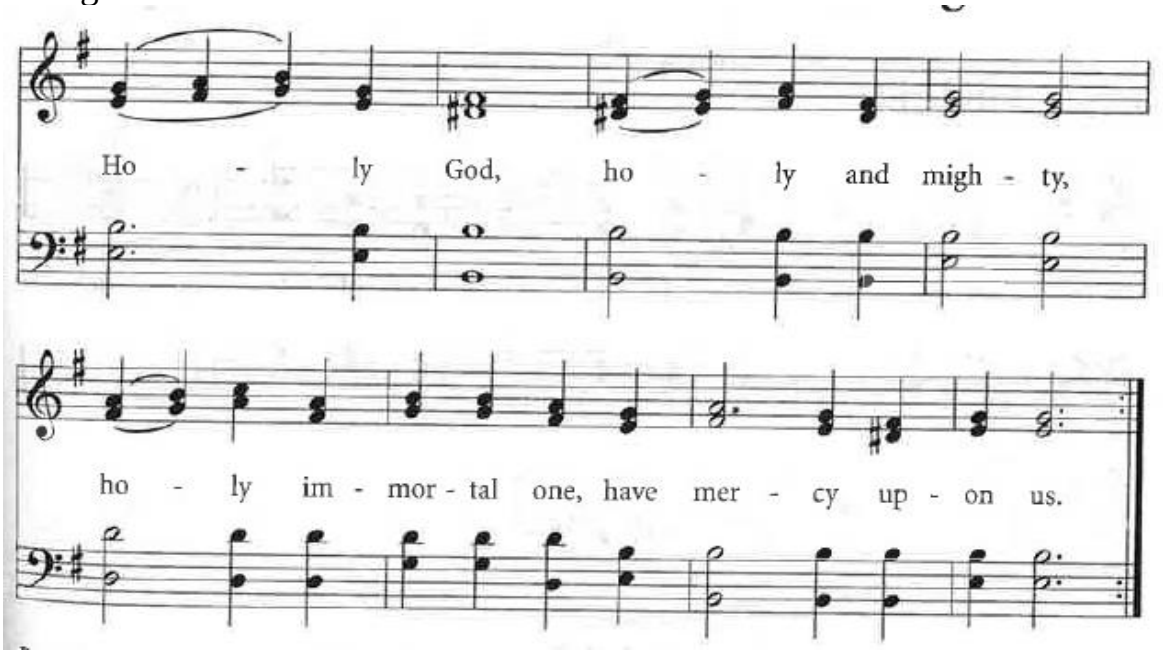
The refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain.**

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. **Refrain.**

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. **Refrain.**

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. **Refrain.**

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. **Refrain.**

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. **Refrain.**

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain.**

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. **Refrain**

HYMN Sing my tongue, the glorious battle #185 blue hymn book

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **Our Father, 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.**

FINAL PRAYER

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

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The congregation leaves the church in silence.

You are welcome to stay a while to pray, should you wish.

The final service of the Easter Triduum, the Easter Vigil, begins tomorrow at 8:00 PM outside.