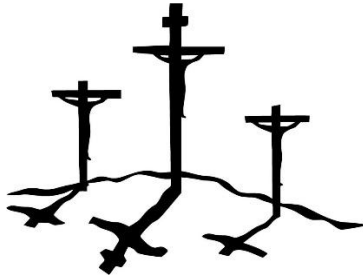


ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
GOOD FRIDAY
April 18, 2025



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 12 NOON

*This liturgy is based on the
Anglican Church of Canada Book of Alternative Services*

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship
and serve on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

THE MINISTRY TEAM ENTERS IN SILENCE

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone to their 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.

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:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

OPENING HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 202 There Is a Green Hill Far Away

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1868 HORSLEY — Wm. Horsley, 1844

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Fiona S

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 31

Cantor



SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

Mary Jane M

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 634 Jesus Remember Me

TAIZE CHANT Luke 23: 42; Setting: Jacques Berthier, 1978

Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom *[repeats]*

GOSPEL: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (18:1-19:42)
DRAMATIC READING

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 634 Jesus Remember Me (repeated)

TAIZE CHANT Luke 23: 42; Setting: Jacques Berthier, 1978

SERMON: *Rev. Vernon Foster*

*Inspiration for today's sermon is drawn from Bishop Anna's article in Faith Tides
"Salvation in an Interconnected World"*

1. Salvation is Communal, Not Individual

*In Loving Partnership We Come, Songs for Gospel People
Tune CP386 Rockingham*

In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

2. The Cross Reveals our Interconnectedness

We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.

3. Atonement as "At-One-Ment"

Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

4. The Cross Calls Us to Responsibility

In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

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 Anna our bishop, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, 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 of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles our King and all the Royal Family, for Mark Carney the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for David Eby the Premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Leonard Krog the Mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on City Council and the Regional District of Nanaimo 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

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 patience 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

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 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. **Amen.**

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS

The Cross is brought into the Sanctuary.

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

Come let us worship.

HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 198 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

PASSION CHORALE

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.

Silence

SENDING HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 189 Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord

BANGOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

FINAL 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.

LEAVE IN SILENCE

**We continue in our time of waiting
through the Three-Day Holy Triduum.**

We will return on

**Easter SERVICE OF LIGHT, SATURDAY, April 29, 2025
8:00 pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, April 20, 2025
AS WE CELEBRATE THE EASTER RESURRECTION:**

8:00 am, BCP Eucharist

10:30 am, BAS Eucharist