

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

April 18th 2025

Good Friday



Please hold silence before the service begins

The Gathering

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.

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.

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.

The Passion of the Lord

(The first six readings were on Palm Sunday. We continue with that story.)

(remain seated)

Reading Six(a) Luke 23: 26-32 *read by John Ducker*

Reading Seven Luke 23:33-38 *read by Rhonda Koch*

CP 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

(Text and music: Marty Haugen (1950-) 1984 GIA Publications One License) *(remain seated for this hymn)*

Tree of life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and
word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
we may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may
be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

Reading Eight Luke 23:39- 49 *read by John Ducker*

(remain seated)

CP 615 Just As I Am

(Text: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) and music: William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868) public domain)

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I
come.*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the
mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a
doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come,
I come.*

*Just as I am – thy love unknown has broken every barrier down
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Reading of Prophecy: Isaiah 53:4-9

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.

Recitation of Psalm 22

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my
groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night,
but find no rest.**

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

‘Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!’

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

The Stripping and Washing of the Altar

(as the final chapter of the passion story is read; the altar will be stripped of adornment and washed)

Reading Seven: Luke 23:50-56 read by Rhonda Koch

(remain seated)

Homily *The Rev Gail Rodger*

Hymn CP 400 What Wonderous Love is This

(Text Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use, 1811, alt.Music: William Walker 1809-1875), public domain)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse form my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

when I was sinking down, sinking down,

when I was sinking down

beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

Meditation on the Cross

(draping of a blackcloth)

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

Come let us worship

Silence is held

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, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prayers of Deliverance and Intercession

Lord, remember not our offences; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all selfishness.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From hardness of heart, unkindness, lack of acceptance and patience with others, and failing to build your kingdom on earth.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From earthquake, drought, fire, and flood and all other natural disasters; for lack of care for the earth and our inability to change our habits.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From violent civil strife and riot, and from lawlessness.

Good Lord, deliver us.

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, from dying suddenly and unprepared, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgement.

Good Lord, deliver us.

Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom.

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion, by your precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Taking all our sins and the sins of the whole world on the cross, you grant us true repentance; humbly we ask that forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

To you O Lord.

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

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen your servant Elizabeth our Queen in true worship and holiness of life, that she may always seek your honour and glory, and endue the leaders of this nation and all in authority with wisdom and understanding.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us a heart to love and worship you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments, in the spirit of true and abiding love. Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, and raise up those who fall.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all people give dignity, food, and shelter, and give us the courage and means to help. Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

We 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.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Musical Sending: CP 192 Were You There

(Text and melody: African American public domain)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

*Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Depart in Silence

The church will remain open for silent personal prayer until noon.

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